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RESA wants pre-Labor Day school start

Would need exemption from state for countywide waiver

By RALPH HEIBUTZKI
HP Correspondent

BERRIEN SPRINGS — The Berrien Regional Education Service Agency will push to start school before Labor Day, if a majority of local districts want it.

That means seeking an exemption to a state law that bars local school districts from starting until after Labor Day, Superintendent Kevin Ivers said.

"One of the things that's driving this is the next two years," Ivers said. "This year, Labor Day is Sept. 7, which is very late in the week, and then, in 2021, Labor Day is Sept. 6. The reason we started looking at these things is maximize learning opportunities for students."

Ivers is asking districts to send a letter of interest by Jan. 31, if they want Berrien RESA to apply for a countywide waiver to the law from the Michigan Department of Education.

Ivers advised the Berrien RESA Board of his intentions at this week's RESA meeting.

Two districts, Coloma and Eau Claire, have already sent letters in support, but Ivers said that he'll only pursue the waiver if most districts want it.

"It would have to be more than a (simple) majority, because we would otherwise be defeating the purpose of a common start date," he said.

The law dates back to 2005 when Michigan became just one of three states mandating a post-Labor Day start to the school year for public schools.

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer has called for scrapping the law in favor of a balanced calendar, with students getting a six-week summer break, from late June to early August.

However, the 2005 law also allowed districts to seek waivers, if they could make a case for them. They're good for three years, once approved.

The situation has prompted critics to ask if the law even makes sense anymore because more districts are seeking waivers, which are nearly always granted.

Ivers doesn't know of any neighboring counties with waivers. Across the state, Livingston County just got one, as did Jackson County, he said.

In Berrien RESA's case, if enough districts seek the waiver and the state said yes,

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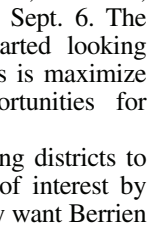
Pierangeli running for Berrien prosecutor

Chief assistant PA seeks to succeed Sepic

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — The first candidate for Berrien County prosecutor has thrown his hat into the ring.

Steve Pierangeli, chief assistant prosecuting attorney, has announced his candidacy as a Republican for the seat Michael Sepic is retiring from at the end of the year.



PIERANGELI

"I am ready for the next step in my career to continue advocating for the people of Berrien County," he said in a news release. "Growing up in a large family in Southfield, Mich., I fostered a love of service that still motivates my work today."

The primary election is Aug. 4, with the general election Nov. 3.

Pierangeli, 42, of St. Joseph has been with the Berrien County Prosecutor's Office since 2004. He was named chief trial attorney in 2014 and chief assistant prosecuting attorney in 2018.

While working for the county, Pierangeli has served in the adult criminal division, the juvenile division, and the neglect and abuse division. He has written appellate briefs for the prosecutor's office and argued in front of the Michigan Supreme Court.

"I have successfully handled all types of cases from traffic tickets to homicides, often working on highly publicized and complex cases. I recently prosecuted a high-profile homicide of a United States Army sergeant while home on leave in Berrien County," he said.

Outside of his courtroom duties, Pierangeli is responsible for training assistant prosecutors in the office, managing office staff, strategic office planning and acting as a liaison between the prosecutor's office and the Berrien County judiciary.

Pierangeli instructs across the state on criminal law and trial techniques for the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan. In addition, he instructs on constitutional law, criminal law, and courtroom testimony for the Berrien County Sheriff's Department, as well as courtroom

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Photos by Don Campbell / HP staff

Matt Gaipa, general manager at Arclight Brewing Co. in Watervliet, pulls a sample of a unreleased beer, Binary Sunrise, Thursday afternoon. Arclight would benefit from legislation in the process of being introduced that would increase the amount of barrels that breweries can self-distribute.

Over a barrel

Proposed legislation could double self-distribution for breweries in Michigan

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

Dave Coyle expects to sell more beer this year.

However, that could be a problem for Coyle, who owns Arclight Brewing Co. in Watervliet.

Brewers are allowed to self-distribute their products to restaurants and grocers if they produce fewer than 1,000 barrels a year. Beyond that 1,000 barrel cap, they must sign on to work with a distribution company to take their product and sell it on their behalf.

Distributors often take around a 30 percent cut of profits – an obvious obstacle for some breweries. A law change, some brewers say, would give them a fighting chance.

"We don't have the volume of scale to compete," Coyle said. "We're producing a small amount of beer compared to others. Without having the overhead of hiring a distributor, we can be competitive in the market."

Enter state Rep. Pauline Wendzel, who unveiled legislation at the 2020 Michigan Brewer's Guild Winter Conference and Trade Show that would increase the amount of product a microbrewery can self-distribute in Michigan.

Wendzel's proposed legislation would double Michigan's self-distribution limit from 1,000 barrels per year to 2,000 barrels annually. The bill would also exempt taproom sales from counting toward a brewery's self-distribution limit.

"Craft beer in Michigan is a booming, billion-dollar industry that supports nearly 10,000 jobs in communities throughout our state," Wendzel told attendees at the winter conference. "Michigan is the craft beer capital of the world, and my bill will help create an even better environment that allows brewers to grow and thrive."

Wendzel's legislation is expected to be introduced in the coming weeks as the lead bill in a larger package that aims to reduce regulatory hurdles to Michigan brewers and distributors.

Scott Graham, executive director of the Michigan Brewers Guild, said the organization began working with Wendzel on what could be included in the bill several months ago.

Based on feedback from brewers within the state, Graham said the house bill would give brewers some breathing room from the self-distribution cap.

"It's an access-to-market issue. The state has limited self-distribution," he said. "Most craft beer gets sent out to a wholesaler from a distributor, which gets the product from the brewery. More wholesalers and distributors are consolidating and it's creating a bottleneck for some breweries that are trying to get their product out to market."

Dave Coyle, owner of Arclight Brewing Co. in Watervliet, shows off dozens of barrels containing beer.

Ashley Martin handles a customer's order Thursday at Arclight Brewing Co.

The beer state

According to data collected by the Brewers Association, Michigan had 357 craft breweries in 2018 – making it the fifth highest total in the U.S. (Total numbers for 2019 haven't been released yet.)

Broken down, that's 4.7 breweries per 100,000 adults over the age of 21 in the state.

The brewing industry brought in an estimated $2.5 million to Michigan in 2018, while nearly 900,000 barrels of craft beer was produced that year.

"My local brewers came to me and explained that they were running up against a

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What's a brewery?

There are three distinct segments of the craft beer industry in Southwest Michigan – brewpubs, microbreweries and regional craft breweries. Below is a breakdown of the breweries. (NOTE: barrel production does not apply to self-distribution limits)

Brewery: A brewery can sell directly to consumers in not more than two of its own locations, as well as through retailers across the state.

Microbrewery: A microbrewery can produce up to 60,000 barrels annually. Microbreweries can sell beer in their own taverns or through retailers across the state. Those producing between 30,000 and 60,000 barrels are limited to three taverns; those under 30,000 are not limited in the number of taverns.

Brewpub: A brewpub is limited to six locations and can manufacture up to 18,000 barrels annually in combined production. Its beer is sold only inside its own establishments and that includes beer-to-go. It must have an "on-premises license" and operate a full-service restaurant with at least 25 percent gross sales from non-alcoholic items.

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Full ground stop at Chicago O'Hare airport amid winter storm

CHICAGO (AP) — The Federal Aviation Administration halted all flights in and out of Chicago's O'Hare Airport Friday night due to a sprawling winter storm hitting large sections of the Midwest that led to the closure of schools, universities and government offices.

The FAA said on its website that the stop would last through 9 p.m. CST. Hundreds of flights already were canceled Friday at the airport, one of the busiest in the nation.

Earlier Friday, a plane slid off an icy taxiway at Kansas City International Airport. The Delta Air Lines flight was taxiing to be de-iced before flying to Detroit when the nosegear slipped off the taxiway, said Delta spokeswoman Martha Witt. There were no reports of injuries aboard the Airbus A319, which was carrying 123 passengers and a crew of six. Witt said the airline was trying to put passengers from Delta flight 1114 on other planes.

The airport was closed and numerous flights were canceled in the morning but flights resumed about noon. Most Friday flights from Nashville, Tennessee, were canceled, likely disrupting travel plans for fans of the Tennessee Titans flying into Kansas City for Sunday's AFC championship game with the Chiefs, KCTV reported.

Lambert lnternational Airport in St. Louis reported more than 130 flights canceled as of noon Friday and American Airlines suspended all flights to Missouri's Columbia Regional Airport until noon Saturday.

The slippery conditions come after the National Weather Service issued winter weather advisories, saying the storm will create hazardous travel conditions from the Plains into the Northeast through the weekend. Snow is forecast over much of the Great Lakes, with a blizzard warning for parts of the Upper Midwest.

The winter weather advisory extended south into western Oklahoma and northern Arkansas, where freezing rain was expected Friday.

In South Dakota and Minnesota, dozens of schools canceled classes Friday ahead of snowfall expected during the day.

In Kansas Gov. Laura Kelly closed state offices in the Topeka area, urging people in a news release to "stay safe and warm, exercise caution and allow road crews to do their job."

A storm that hit during the morning commute Friday coated the roads of Salt Lake City with up to 5 inches of snow. Advance warning allowed a delayed start for state government and some schools, which kept the number of crashes to a relatively low 75, police said.

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Michigan

Poker Lotto
JD-6C-10C-5H-9S
Midday Daily 3
6-7-2
Midday Daily 4
8-8-7-6
Daily 3
6-2-4
Daily 4
9-3-9-5
Fantasy 5
02-04-27-29-33
Keno
06-14-15-17-27-29-30-40-47-48-52-54-59-60-62-64-67-70-72-76-77-78
Mega Millions jackpot
$103 million
Powerball jackpot
$321 million

Thursday drawings

Indiana

Cash 5
01-09-20-26-28
Estimated jackpot: $365,000
Cash4Life
01-09-25-38-57, Cash Ball: 2
Quick Draw Midday
02-04-06-07-14-16-17-25-26-29-33-40-44-51-52-57-60-66-71-79, BE: 79
Daily Three-Midday
1-1-3, SB: 1
Daily Three-Evening
0-4-0, SB: 6
Daily Four-Midday
6-5-6-4, SB: 1
Daily Four-Evening
7-0-2-4, SB: 6
Quick Draw Evening
06-07-11-13-15-17-21-30-35-39-50-56-57-60-65-66-68-70-74-80, BE: 68

Illinois

Lotto
04-07-13-20-35-39, Extra Shot: 12
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
05-06-13-31-32
Pick Three-Midday
3-8-2, Fireball: 6
Pick Three-Evening
7-8-2, Fireball: 8
Pick Four-Midday
2-7-1-9, Fireball: 0
Pick Four-Evening
2-7-3-7, Fireball: 9
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The Virginia state Capitol building is surrounded by fencing on Thursday in Richmond, Va., in preparation for Monday's rally by gun rights advocates. Gun-rights groups are asking a judge to block the Virginia governor's ban on firearms at a massive pro-gun rally scheduled for next week. Gov. Ralph Northam on Wednesday, Jan. 15, announced a state of emergency and banned all weapons from the rally at the Capitol.

Virginia's highest court upholds weapons ban at gun rally

By DENISE LAVOIE
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AP Photo / Steve Helber, File

Supporters of gun laws hold us photos of gun violence victims during a Jan. 13 meeting of the Senate Judiciary committee at the Capitol in Richmond, Va. Gun-rights groups asked a judge Thursday to block Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam from banning guns on Capitol grounds during a massive pro-gun rally scheduled for Monday.

RICHMOND, Va. — Virginia's highest court on Friday upheld a ban on firearms at an upcoming pro-gun rally in the state's capital, an event that authorities feared could erupt in violence at the hands of armed extremists.

The Virginia Supreme Court's decision came a day after gun-rights groups sued to overturn the ban that Gov. Ralph Northam issued earlier this week, citing what he called credible threats of "armed militia groups storming our Capitol."

The lawsuit and court rulings came as the FBI arrested six men whom authorities linked to a white supremacist group known as The Base. At least three of them were planning to attend the pro-gun rally Monday on the grounds of the state Capitol in Richmond, according to an official who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity to discuss an active investigation.

Virginia has become Ground Zero in the nation's raging debate over gun control, as a new Democratic majority in the state legislature has promised to pass an array of restrictions, including universal background checks and a red-flag law.

Gun-rights groups argued Northam's ban would violate their Second Amendment right to bear arms and their First Amendment freedom of speech. But a Richmond judge upheld the ban on Thursday, citing rulings from the U.S. Supreme Court and other courts that the Second Amendment is not unlimited.

The state Supreme Court did not say whether it agreed with the lower court's assessment. In a terse, two-page ruling, the court said it did not have enough information "to discern whether the circuit court abused its discretion" in rejecting the gun-rights groups' request to lift the ban.

The court noted that it did not have a transcript of the hearing or a written statement of facts describing details of the hearing.

Northam praised the ruling, saying in a written statement that keeping the ban in place would "help to ensure the safety of all Virginians" during the rally on Monday, which is also a federal holiday honoring Martin Luther King Jr.

Philip Van Cleave, president of the Virginia Citizens Defense League – the group sponsoring the rally – called the Richmond judge's ruling "mind-boggling." The group did not respond immediately to the Supreme Court ruling.

President Donald Trump jumped into the fray on Friday, tweeting that the Second Amendment "is under very serious attack in the Great Commonwealth of Virginia."

"That's what happens when you vote for Democrats, they will take your guns away," Trump tweeted.

In his legal brief to the high court, Herring called Northam's ban "a carefully limited Executive Order" that "does not prevent anyone from speaking, assembling, or petitioning the government."

"Instead, it temporarily precludes private possession of firearms in a sensitive public place during a specified time to protect public safety," the brief says.

Herring argued Northam's order would help prevent the kind of violence that erupted at a 2017 white nationalist rally in the city of Charlottesville. One woman was killed and more than 30 others were hurt when a white supremacist drove his car into a crowd. No one was wounded by gunfire at the rally.

Virginia's solicitor general, Toby Heytens, told Richmond Circuit Court Judge Joi Taylor on Thursday that law enforcement had identified "credible evidence" that armed out-of-state groups planned to come to Virginia with the possible intention of participating in a "violent insurrection."

The FBI has said the six men arrested – in Delaware, Georgia and Maryland – were linked to The Base, a collective of hardcore neo-Nazis that operates as a paramilitary organization. The Base has proclaimed war against minority communities within the United States and abroad, the FBI has said. Unlike other extremist groups, it's not focused on promulgating propaganda; instead the group aims to bring together highly skilled members to train them for acts of violence.

One of the arrested men had discussed traveling to Ukraine to fight alongside "nationalists" and compared the white supremacist group to al-Qaida, a prosecutor said in court Thursday.

Shannon Watts, founder of Moms Demand Action, a nonprofit advocacy group looking to curb gun violence, told reporters on a conference call Friday that online threats against the group's employees and volunteers have also increased, comparable to what they've seen previously in the run-up to large pro-gun rallies.

She noted that many of the expected rally participants are not Virginia residents, while those who harbor the most extreme views represent "just a very vocal minority."

"Their views are not representative of the majority of Virginians," she said.

Because of the threat of possible violence, organizers of an annual vigil for victims of gun violence – usually held on the King holiday each year – said Friday that they have canceled their event this year.

"Given the serious concerns about possible violence on Monday, we recognize that we can not guarantee the safety of the brave gun violence prevention activists and survivors who have fought so hard for this day," said Lori Haas, state director of the Coalition to Stop Gun Violence.

Friday's developments unfolded on Lee-Jackson Day, a state holiday honoring Confederate generals Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson. Legislation proposed this year and supported by Northam would scrap the holiday.

As state officials and gun-rights groups battled over the ban, a package of gun-control bills was moving through the legislature, which is now controlled by Democrats.

The Senate on Thursday passed legislation limiting handgun purchases to once a month, requiring universal background checks on gun purchases, and allowing localities to ban guns in public buildings, parks and other areas. The bill was passed along partisan lines. It will now go to the House for consideration.

Trump assembles a made-for-TV impeachment defense team

By ERIC TUCKER and ZEKE MILLER
Associated Press

AP Photo / Rick Bowmer

Karen Curtin gathers with others outside the office of Sen. Mitt Romney to call on him to push for a full and fair impeachment trial in the Senate with pertinent testimony and evidence during a rally on Thursday, in Salt Lake City.

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump has assembled a made-for-TV legal team for his Senate trial that includes household names like Ken Starr, the prosecutor whose investigation two decades ago resulted in the impeachment of Bill Clinton. Former Harvard law professor Alan Dershowitz will deliver constitutional arguments meant to shield Trump from allegations that he abused his power.

The additions on Friday bring experience in the politics of impeachment as well as constitutional law to the team, which faced a busy weekend of deadlines for legal briefs and other documents before opening arguments begin on Tuesday.

The two new Trump attorneys are already nationally known both for their involvement in some of the more consequential legal dramas of recent American history and for their regular appearances on Fox News, the president's preferred television network.

Dershowitz is a constitutional expert whose expansive views of presidential powers echo those of Trump. Starr is a veteran of partisan battles in Washington, having led the investigation into Clinton's affair with a White House intern that brought the president's impeachment by the House. Clinton was acquitted at his Senate trial, the same outcome Trump is expecting from the Republican-led chamber.

Still, the lead roles for Trump's defense will be played by White House Counsel Pat Cipollone and Trump personal lawyer Jay Sekulow, who also represented Trump during special counsel Robert Mueller's Russia investigation.

There are some signs of tension involving the president's outside legal team and lawyers within the White House.

The White House would not confirm the fuller roster of the president's lawyers Friday, and some officials there bristled that the announcement was not coordinated with them. Hours after Dershowitz announced his involvement with the team in a series of tweets on Friday, he played down his role by saying that he would be present for only an hour or so to make constitutional arguments.

"I'm not a full-fledged member of the defense team," he told "The Dan Abrams Show" on SiriusXM. He has long been a critic of "the overuse of impeachment," he said, and would have made the same case for a President Hillary Clinton.

A legal brief laying out the contours of the Trump defense, due at noon on Monday, was still being drafted, with White House attorneys and the outside legal team grappling over how political the document should be. Those inside the administration have echoed warnings from Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell that the pleadings must be sensitive to the Senate's more staid traditions and leave the sharper rhetoric to Twitter and cable news.

White House lawyers were successful in keeping Trump from adding House Republicans to the team, but they also advised him against tapping Dershowitz, according to two people who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss internal discussions. They're concerned because of the professor's association with Jeffrey Epstein, the millionaire who killed himself in jail last summer while awaiting trial on sex trafficking charges.

A Fox News host said on the air that Starr would be parting ways with the network as a result of his role on the legal team.

Other members of Trump's legal defense include Pam Bondi, the former Florida attorney general; Jane Raskin, who was part of the president's legal team during Mueller's investigation, and Robert Ray, who was part of the Whitewater investigation of the Clintons.

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Attorney Alan Dershowitz leaves federal court, in New York. President Donald Trump's legal team will include former Harvard University law professor Alan Dershowitz and Ken Starr, the former independent counsel who led the Whitewater investigation into President Bill Clinton, according to a person familiar with the matter. The team will also include Pam Bondi, the former Florida attorney general.

Trump was impeached by the House last month on charges of abuse of power and obstructing Congress, stemming from his pressure on Ukraine to investigate Democratic rivals as he was withholding security aid, and his efforts to block the ensuing congressional probe.

Senators were sworn in as jurors on Thursday by Chief Justice John Roberts.

The president insists he did nothing wrong, and he complains about his treatment daily, sometimes distracting from unrelated events. On Friday, as Trump welcomed the championship LSU football team to the Oval Office for photos, he said the space had seen "a lot of presidents, some good, some not so good. But you got a good one now, even though they're trying to impeach the son of a bitch. Can you believe that?"

While the president speaks dismissively of the case, new revelations are mounting about his actions toward Ukraine.

The Government Accountability Office said Thursday that the White House violated federal law in withholding the security assistance to Ukraine, which shares a border with hostile Russia.

At the same time, an indicted associate of Trump's personal lawyer Rudy Giuliani, Lev Parnas, has turned over to prosecutors new documents linking the president to the shadow foreign policy being run by Giuliani. The voluble Giuliani is not expected to play a formal role on the impeachment defense legal team, according to one official.

The GAO report and Parnas documents have applied fresh pressure to senators to call more witnesses for the trial, a main source of contention that is still to be resolved. The White House has instructed officials not to comply with subpoenas from Congress requesting witnesses or other information.

U.S. court dismisses suit by youths over climate change

By GILLIAN FLACCUS
Associated Press

AP Photo / Andrew Selsky, File

Kelsey Juliana, of Eugene, Ore., a lead plaintiff who is part of a lawsuit by a group of young people who say U.S. energy policies are causing climate change and hurting their future, greets supporters outside a federal courthouse, in Portland, Ore. On Friday, a federal appeals court has dismissed the lawsuit by 21 young people who claimed the U.S. government's climate policy harms them and jeopardizes their future.

PORTLAND, Ore. — A federal appeals court on Friday dismissed a lawsuit by 21 young people who claimed the U.S. government's climate policies and reliance on fossil fuels harms them, jeopardizes their future and violates their constitutional rights, potentially dealing a fatal blow to a long-running case that activists saw as an important front in the war against environmental degradation.

The Oregon-based youth advocacy group Our Children's Trust filed the lawsuit in 2015 in Eugene on behalf of the youngsters. It sought an injunction ordering the government to implement a plan to phase out fossil fuel emissions and draw down atmospheric carbon dioxide emission. The case had bounced around the federal courts for five years and multiple trial dates were canceled.

The 2-1 vote for dismissal by the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals was a serious setback for the climate activists, who vowed to ask the full 9th Circuit panel to review the ruling. Our Children's Trust has filed numerous similar cases in state and federal courts and currently has nine cases pending in state courts from Alaska to New Mexico. The federal ruling was less likely to impact those cases, experts said.

"This is a very serious blow to the case, perhaps a fatal blow," said Jennifer Rushlow, an associate dean for environmental programs at Vermont Law School, who has been watching the case closely.

Our Children's Trust said in a statement that although the justices ruled for dismissal, it was important to note that they also said in the opinion that the evidence showed climate change was real and caused by fossil fuels and that the young plaintiffs had suffered legitimate consequences from climate change.

The "case is far from over," said Julia Olson, lead attorney for Our Children's Trust. "The court recognized that climate change is exponentially increasing and that the federal government has long known that its actions substantially contribute to the climate crisis."

Government attorneys repeatedly sought the case's dismissal and succeeded in having the scope of the claims narrowed and some defendants dismissed during years of back-and-forth litigation.

On Friday, the court wrote that the youngsters made a compelling case that action is needed and agreed that climate change is undeniable, but said the proper venue for addressing the nation's emissions policies and fossil fuel use is the U.S. Congress or the executive branch.

In addition, the justices wrote that ending the use of fossil fuels in the U.S. alone – which is what the plaintiffs sought – would not be enough to slow or stop climate change.

"That's the heartbreaking thing about this opinion. The 9th Circuit recognizes that climate change is an existential threat … and agrees that the political branches have not done enough to address this problem in the past and are unlikely to do so in the future. But the court just feels it's in a really difficult situation," said Cara Horowitz, co-director of the Emmett Institute on Climate Change and the Environment at the University of California, Los Angeles School of Law.

AP Photo /Jae C. Hong, File

People gather for a Women's March in Los Angeles. Three years after Trump took office and millions of people swarmed to the Women's March in Washington and companion marches across the country, these typically modest protests are often the most visible sign of today's Trump resistance.

Anti-Trump protests have shrunk. What's it mean for 2020?

By SARA BURNETT
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Days after President Donald Trump killed an Iranian general and said he was sending more soldiers to the Middle East, about 100 protesters stood on a pedestrian bridge over Chicago's Lake Shore Drive with an illuminated sign that read "No War in Iran."

Some 200 people marched in the bitter cold near Boston, while a few dozen people demonstrated on the steps of Los Angeles City Hall and at similarly sized gatherings across the U.S.

Three years after Trump took office and millions of people swarmed to the Women's March in Washington and companion marches across the country, these typically modest protests are often the most visible sign of today's Trump resistance.

Activists say the numbers should not be mistaken for a lack of energy or motivation to vote Trump out of office come November.

The anti-Trump movement of 2020, they say, is more organized and more focused on action. Many people have moved from protesting to knocking on doors for candidates, mailing postcards to voters, advocating for specific causes or running for office.

But the movement that sprung up to oppose Trump's presidency also is more splintered than it was when pink-hatted protesters flooded Washington the day after his inauguration for what is generally regarded as the largest protest in the city since the Vietnam era. There have been schisms over which presidential candidates to back in 2020, as well as disagreements about race and religion and about whether the march reflected the diversity of the movement. Those divisions linger even as many on the left say they need a united front heading into November's election.

The disputes led to dueling events in New York City last year, the resignation of some national Women's March leaders and the disbanding of a group in Washington state.

Organizers expect about 100,000 people across the country to participate in this year's Women's March, which is scheduled for Saturday in over 180 cities. They say up to 10,000 people are expected at the march in Washington, far fewer than the turnout last year, when about 100,000 people held a rally east of the White House. Instead of a single big event, the group has been holding actions in a run-up to the march this week around three key issues: climate change, immigration and reproductive rights.

The week reflects that the movement is "moving into the next stage," said director Caitlin Breedlove.

Leaders of MoveOn.org, which organized some of the anti-Iran war protests, agreed. Mobilization manager Kate Alexander said the group and its members pulled together over 370 protests in 46 states in less than 48 hours to show resistance to Trump's actions. The president ordered airstrikes that killed Gen. Qassem Soleimani, the head of Iran's Quds Force who has been blamed for deadly attacks on U.S. troops and allies going back decades. Iran pledged retribution, sparking fears of an all-out war.

Alexander noted that the Iran protest is just one of many issues MoveOn members have organized in response to in the past few years.

"It's not that there are fewer people mobilizing – it's that they're mobilized in different campaigns. There's more to do," Alexander said. "I don't believe people are tuning out. I think people are lying in wait."

While waiting, many have passed on some major moments in Trump's presidency. Resistance groups rallied on the eve of the House vote for impeachment, but even some of those who participated said they were disappointed more people didn't turn out.

Several organizations also said much of their organizing is done through social media or text message and email programs, which are less visible but have a significant impact. In 2018, the Women's March had over 24 billion social media impressions, Breedlove said.

Atef Said, a sociology professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago, said all social movements evolve over time. He noted the Trump resistance movement is global and will continue regardless of whether Trump is reelected.

"Movements always rise and decline in terms of numbers on the ground," he said.

Andy Koch, a 30-year-old nurse who lives in Chicago, has seen that ebb and flow firsthand. Koch has been active in protesting Trump's policies even before he took office. When Koch was a student at University of Illinois at Chicago, Trump's campaign canceled a 2016 speech at the campus following tense student protests.

Koch said the anti-Trump activism swelled when he first took office and again in early 2017 when he announced his first travel ban affecting people from several predominantly Muslim countries.

Roughly 1,000 people mobilized in Chicago immediately after Trump authorized the attack on the Iranian leader, and then the crowds subsided a few days later after the threat of war seemed to subside following Trump's address to the nation Jan 8. That day, a few dozen – including Koch – showed up in 20-degree Fahrenheit temperatures outside Trump International Hotel Chicago during rush hour.

Koch understands that masses of people won't show up for every protest. " What allows those numbers to come out ... is continued organizing going on in between these events," he said.

He said there have been numerous smaller protests he's been involved with, including protesting U.S. foreign policy in Venezuela and Syria, and they've taken other forms. For instance, he's helped plan a teach-in on Iranian foreign policy this week at UIC.

Maya Wells, a 21-year-old political science senior at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, was a speaker at a rally last week in Charlotte. Wells, who is Persian American and has family in Iran, said she doesn't look at the numbers of people who turn out but rather at the fact that they took time out of their day to be there.

Pompeo breaks silence on alleged threats to envoy in Ukraine

By MATTHEW LEE
AP Diplomatic Writer

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Mike Pompeo on Friday broke nearly 72 hours of silence over alleged surveillance and threats to the former U.S. ambassador to Ukraine, saying he believed the allegations would prove to be wrong but that he had an obligation to evaluate and investigate the matter.

In interviews with conservative radio hosts, Pompeo said he had no knowledge of the allegations until earlier this week when congressional Democrats released documents from an associate of President Donald Trump's personal attorney suggesting that Marie Yovanovitch was being watched. He also said he did not know and had never met Lev Parnas, the associate of Rudy Giuliani who made the claims.

Pompeo, who was traveling in California when the documents were released, had been harshly criticized by lawmakers and current and former diplomats for not addressing the matter. The documents provided by Parnas suggested there may have been a threat to Yovanovitch shortly before she was abruptly recalled last spring.

"We will do everything we need to do to evaluate whether there was something that took place there," he said in a radio interview with Tony Katz, an Indianapolis-based broadcaster. "I suspect that much of what's been reported will ultimately prove wrong, but our obligation, my obligation as secretary of state, is to make sure that we evaluate, investigate. Any time there is someone who posits that there may have been a risk to one of our officers, we'll obviously do that."

"It is always the case at the Department of State that we do everything we can to ensure that our officers, not only our ambassadors but our entire team, has the security level that's appropriate," Pompeo said.

"We do our best to make sure that no harm will come to anyone, whether that was what was going on in our embassy in Baghdad last week or the work that was going on in Kyiv up and through the spring of last year when Ambassador Yovanovitch was there, and in our embassy in Kyiv even today," he said.

Pompeo made similar but less specific comments to conservative commentator Hugh Hewitt.

Until he spoke, the State Department had declined repeated requests to offer any public defense of Yovanovitch, drawing fire from many.

The allegations, if true, are central to the impeachment inquiry into Trump, who faces a charge that he abused his presidential power by pressuring Ukraine to investigate Democratic rival Joe Biden, using military aid to the country as leverage. Trump says the inquiry is a "hoax."

At the time, Trump's allies were trying to have Yovanovitch, who was seen as a roadblock to a Biden investigation, removed from her post. She was recalled in late May ahead of the end of her tour.

Yovanovitch returned to Washington after being told in a late-night phone call to get on the next plane home for her own safety by the director general of the Foreign Service, according to witness testimony in the impeachment inquiry. The nature of any possible threat was not specified and remains unclear, although the Parnas documents suggest the surveillance was a prelude to some kind of action.

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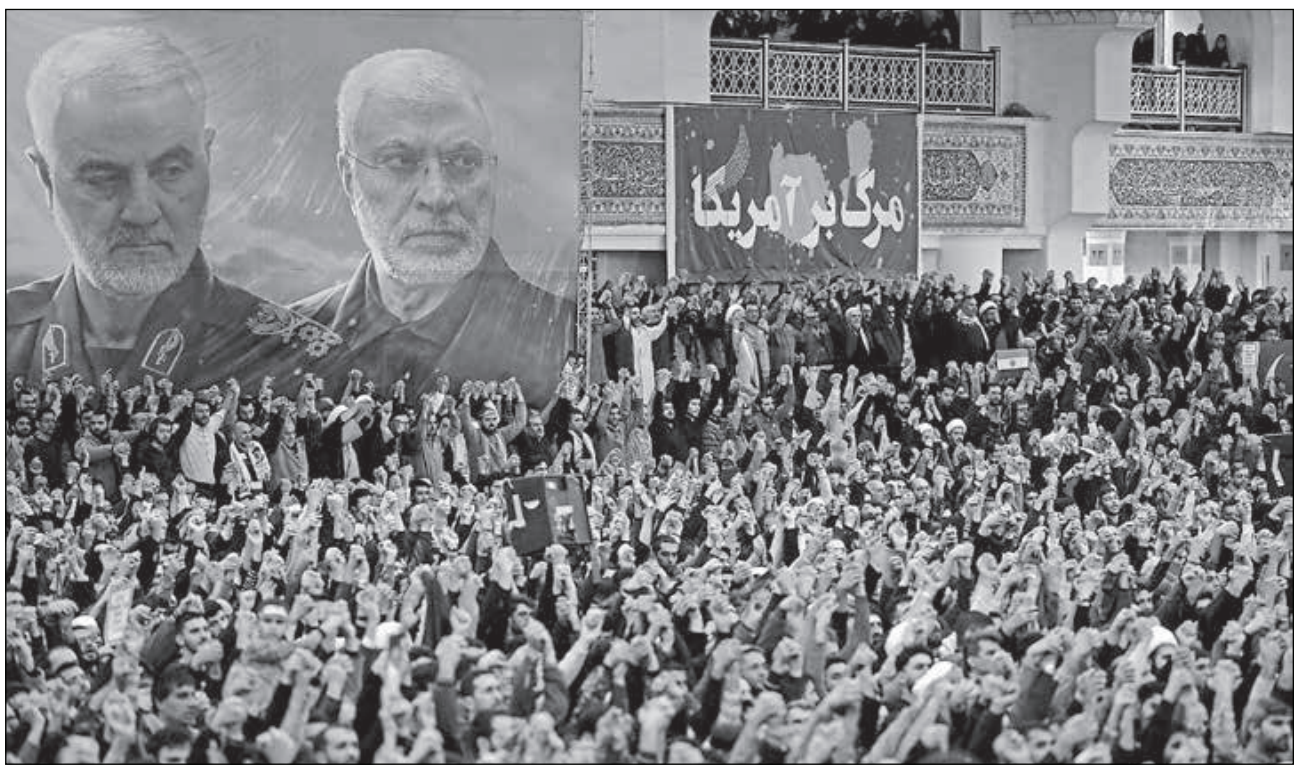
Secretary of State Mike Pompeo briefs reporters about additional sanctions placed on Iran, at the White House, on Jan. 10, 2019, in Washington with and Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin.



Office of the Iranian Supreme Leader via AP

Worshippers chant slogans during Friday prayers ceremony, as a banner show Iranian Revolutionary Guard Gen. Qassem Soleimani, left, and Iraqi Shiite senior militia commander Abu Mahdi al-Muhandis, who were killed in Iraq in a U.S. drone attack on Jan. 3, and a banner which reads in Persian: "Death To America," at Imam Khomeini Grand Mosque in Tehran, Iran, on Friday.

'Days of God'

A look at Iran's mounting crises

By JOSEPH KRAUSS
Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Iran's supreme leader says his nation is living through "days of God."

The Islamic Republic has been reeling from one crisis to another, from the targeted killing by the United States of its top general to the Revolutionary Guard's accidental shootdown of a passenger plane carrying scores of young people, most of them Iranians. U.S. sanctions have crippled its economy as tensions with America have soared.

In a rare Friday sermon in Tehran, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei stuck to the playbook Iran has relied on since 1979, blaming the country's woes on the U.S. and other Western powers, and proclaiming that Iranians still support the Islamic Revolution.

He pointed to the outpouring of grief after Gen. Qassem Soleimani, Iran's top general, was killed in a U.S. airstrike in Baghdad. Hundreds of thousands of Iranians attended funeral services across the country for Soleimani, who was revered by many as a war hero. But the funeral itself was marred by tragedy when 56 people died in a stampede of mourners in Soleimani's hometown of Kerman.

The moment of national unity was shattered days later, when Iranian forces accidentally shot down a Ukrainian jetliner, killing all 176 people on board, and then concealed their responsibility until they were confronted with mounting evidence from Western leaders.

Here's a look at the various crises Iran faces:

U.S. sanctions

After unilaterally withdrawing from Iran's 2015 nuclear agreement with world powers, President Donald Trump began ratcheting up sanctions. The sanctions have exacerbated an economic crisis, sending the local currency into a freefall and wiping away many people's life savings.

The Institute of International Finance, a global association of financial institutions, estimates that Iran's economy will contract this fiscal year by more than 7 percent, mostly because of the drop in crude oil exports due to sanctions. The report found that as a result, Iran's reserves are expected to dip to $73 billion by March, totaling nearly $40 billion in losses over two years.

The loss of Soleimani

As head of the Revolutionary Guard's elite Quds Force, Soleimani was the architect of Iran's regional military operations and its support for armed groups in Lebanon, Syria, Iraq and Yemen. He was blamed for the killing of hundreds of American soldiers by Iran-backed militias in the years after the 2003 U.S.-led invasion of Iraq. He also helped Syrian President Bashar Assad's forces battle rebels and Islamic extremists. In Iran, he was seen by many as a mythic figure who had defended the nation. Critics and supporters alike say he will be tough to replace.

The plane tragedy

In response to the killing of Soleimani, Iran launched a wave of ballistic missiles at U.S. bases in Iraq. No one was seriously wounded, though several soldiers were screened for concussions and sent to Germany for medical treatment. As Iran braced for a counterattack, the Revolutionary Guard shot down a passenger plane shortly after it took off from Tehran's international airport last week, mistaking it for a U.S. cruise missile. Most of those killed were Iranians.

Iranian authorities concealed their role for three days, initially blaming a technical failure, until Western leaders said they had mounting evidence that a surface-to-air missile had brought the plane down. Iranian officials have apologized and promised to punish those responsible, but have faced widespread criticism and international demands to pay compensation to victims' families.

Street protests

As the economic crisis has worsened, Iran has seen wave after wave of sporadic, leaderless protests. The protests are usually sparked by economic grievances but rapidly escalate into calls to overthrow the Islamic Republic. The demonstrations have often turned violent, and security forces have responded with force. Amnesty International says more than 300 people were killed in protests in November over a hike in gasoline prices, when authorities shut down the internet for several days.

The Revolutionary Guard's announcement on Saturday that it was responsible for shooting down the plane sparked days of protests in the streets and on university campuses. Security forces dispersed some of the crowds with tear gas and live ammunition.

The unraveling nuclear deal

Iran continued to comply with the nuclear deal despite U.S. sanctions until last summer, when it said it would no longer fully abide with the agreement if it received no economic benefits. Iran began openly breaching certain limits set by the deal, and after the killing of Soleimani said it was no longer bound by any of the agreement's restrictions.

Britain, France and Germany, which also signed the deal along with China and Russia, have been trying to salvage it. They have searched for a mechanism that would allow them to keep trading with Iran but have been unable to find one that would protect their companies from U.S. sanctions.

Earlier this week, the European nations triggered a dispute mechanism in the nuclear deal in an attempt to bring Iran back into compliance. They say they are committed to saving the agreement, but the dispute process could potentially result in the snapback of international sanctions, further compounding Iran's woes.

Vahid Salemi / AP Photo

Pro-government protesters set fire to U.S. and British flags with a life size cut-out of Britain's ambassador to Tehran Rob Macaire, in a gathering to commemorate the late Iranian Gen. Qassem Soleimani, who was killed in Iraq in a U.S. drone attack on Jan. 3, and victims of last week's Ukrainian plane crash outside Tehran, at the Tehran University campus in Tehran, Iran, on Tuesday.

Mexico readies for Central American migrants at south border

By MARIA VERZA and SONIA PÉREZ D.
Associated Press

CIUDAD HIDALGO, Mexico — Border security forces in southern Mexico were preparing Friday for the expected arrival of hundreds of Central Americans traveling through Guatemala and vowed to prevent a repeat of the headline-grabbing "caravans" of past years when massive flows of migrants and asylum seekers overwhelmed agents.

National Guard and army troops stood watch as rafts plied the Suchiate River between the two countries as dawn painted the sky a vibrant tangerine. About 100 more guardsmen arrived in the afternoon with riot shields to await orders.

A soldier who requested anonymity because he was not authorized to speak publicly said more small groups of soldiers were expected to continue arriving from Tapachula. Small groups of migrants on the Guatemalan side grew slowly as the day wore on.

"We have been tasked with being vigilant, and if we see a large group on the other side, we will deploy a human wall on this side to contain them," another marine and member of the National Guard told The Associated Press, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk to reporters.

It was expected that more Central Americans could arrive late Friday or on Saturday. River levels were so low that a backhoe was in the middle of its bed dredging up the muddy soil and men were damming sections so it would be deep enough for rafts to cross.

About a dozen Honduran cane-cutters were bathing in the murky waters on the Guatemalan side and sizing up the situation.

One of them, 37-year-old Osman Durán, was in the first caravan in 2018. He made it to the U.S. border and jumped the fence to turn himself in, only to be deported later. His wife and daughter are in Mississippi awaiting resolution of their asylum petition.

"We have to wait for the group and see what decisions are made," Durán said.

Local resident Marvin García, 41, who has made a living poling a raft on the Suchiate for two decades, predicted that migrants would avoid the kind of chaos seen in 2018 when there were clashes with agents at the border gates on the Mexican side, migrants jumping off the bridge into the water and wading across in large numbers.

"We are waiting," García said. "It is not known what will happen, whether they will throw themselves (into the water), but I don't think what happened last year will be repeated."

He added that far fewer are crossing these days compared with a half-year ago, when Mexico began deploying thousands of federal agents after U.S. President Donald Trump threatened punishing trade tariffs, though it still happens along the length of the porous border.

Francisco Garduño, commissioner of Mexico's National Immigration Institute, was emphatic that migrants who try to enter the country irregularly would go no farther than here.

"They cannot enter because it would be in violation of the law," he told AP, declining to talk in specifics about border reinforcements but saying there were "sufficient" troops to keep things orderly.

Mexico's Interior ministry said in a statement that immigration agents and officials from the country's refugee agency would be on hand to offer protection and potential temporary employment to those migrants who entered the country legally and agreed to stay in the south.

Representatives of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees office and medical NGOs were also at the river.

AP Photo / Moises Castillo

A man carries a replica of the Black Christ of Esquipulas amid Honduran migrants walking north along a road in hopes of reaching the distant United States, as they leave Esquipulas, Guatemala, just after sunrise on Friday.

Court to look anew at health care law birth control rules

By MARK SHERMAN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court will consider allowing the Trump administration to enforce rules that allow more employers to deny insurance coverage for contraceptives to women.

The justices agreed Friday to yet another case stemming from President Barack Obama's health care overhaul, this time about cost-free birth control. The court probably will hear arguments in April.

The high court will review an appeals court ruling that blocked the Trump administration rules because it did not follow proper procedures. The new policy on contraception, issued by the Department of Health and Human Services, would allow more categories of employers, including publicly traded companies, to opt out of providing no-cost birth control to women by claiming religious objections.

The policy also would allow some employers, though not publicly traded companies, to raise moral objections to covering contraceptives.

Employers also would be able to cover some birth control methods, and not others. Some employers have objected to covering modern, long-acting implantable contraceptives, such as IUDs, which are more expensive and considered highly effective in preventing pregnancies.

The share of female employees paying their own money for birth control pills has plunged to under 4 percent, from 21 percent, since contraception became a covered preventive health benefit under the Obama-era health law, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation.

Even though the Trump rules remain blocked, a ruling by a federal judge in Texas in June already allows most people who object to covering contraception to avoid doing so.

The issue in all the cases is the method originally adopted by the Obama administration to allow religiously affiliated organizations to opt out of paying for contraception while making sure that women under their plans would not be left with the bill.

Some groups complained that the opt-out process violated their religious beliefs and wanted to be relieved of even signaling their religious objection.

The Trump administration issued new rules in 2018. New Jersey and Pennsylvania challenged them in federal court, and the appeals court in Philadelphia decided the rules should be blocked nationwide. The states said the administration rules would result in fewer women receiving cost-free birth control through employer health plans and said states would have to spend more money in their programs that provide contraceptives to women who want them.

The justices said they will hear the administration's appeal together with one filed by the Little Sisters of the Poor, an order of Roman Catholic nuns. The Little Sisters have argued that the Trump rules would protect them from having to provide some birth control, although Obama administration lawyers had argued that they probably were exempt from the rules.

"There are plenty of ways to provide people with contraceptives without forcing Catholic nuns to participate," said Mark Rienzi, a lawyer for the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, which represents the nuns.

Several other lawsuits are pending around the country. Katie Keith, a health policy expert in Washington, said the high court's consideration of the issue has the potential to resolve all the pending legal fights.

"Religious groups want the court to weigh in once and for all, and they're not going to be happy until we have a clear answer," Keith said.

Rollback proposed for Michelle Obama school lunch guidelines

By CAROLE FELDMAN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration on Friday proposed rolling back nutrition guidelines for school meals that had been promoted by Michelle Obama as part of her campaign to combat child obesity.

The impact, child nutrition advocates said, will be less fruit and vegetables and more foods like pizza and fries in the school meals program, which serves 30 million children, most from low-income families.

Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue, who announced the rule changes on Obama's birthday, said they were needed to give schools more flexibility and reduce waste while still providing nutritious and appetizing meals.

Under the proposal, schools would be allowed to cut the amount of certain types of vegetables served at lunch, and legumes offered as a meat alternative also could be counted as part of the vegetable requirement. Potatoes could be served as a vegetable.

The proposal also would allow schools to reduce the amount of fruit at on-the-go breakfast served outside the cafeteria.

Gay Anderson, president of the School Nutrition Association, said that while the nutrition standards had been a success overall, some requirements led to reduced participation in the program, higher costs and waste.

"USDA's school meal flexibilities are helping us manage these challenges and prepare nutritious meals that appeal to diverse student tastes," Anderson said in a statement.

Advocates of the school meals program assailed the changes.

"The Trump administration's assault on children's health continues today under the guise of 'simplifying' school meals," Colin Schwartz, the Center for Science in the Public Interest's deputy director for legislative affairs, said in a statement.

The proposal would give schools greater flexibility in offering entrees for a la carte purchases, which Schwartz said would "create a huge loophole in school nutrition guidelines, paving the way for children to choose pizza, burgers, French fries, and other foods high in calories, saturated fat or sodium in place of balanced school meals every day."

Geraldine Henchy, director of nutrition policy at the Food Research & Action Center, said the bottom line should be nutrition, but the revisions to the a la carte rule would result in students getting "a lot more fats, a lot more sodium, a lot more calories."

Specifically, the proposal would reduce the amount of red and orange vegetables that would have to be offered every day at lunch.

For breakfasts taken to go, fruit servings could be reduced from a cup to half a cup.

Rep. Bobby Scott, a Virginia Democrat and chairman of the House Committee on Education and Labor, said the proposal "threatens the progress we've made toward improving nutrition in schools."

"For many children, the food they eat at school is their only access to healthy, nutritious meals," he said.

As first lady, Obama championed healthier school meals as part of her "Let's Move" campaign.

BEER

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wall," Wendzel said. "Nearly all 1,000 barrels of product produced is consumed in taprooms, leaving very little to be distributed to retail outlets. Doubling the self-distribution limit and exempting taproom sales will allow brewers to grow their business to a point where signing a distribution contract makes sense."

Graham said the house bill keeps self-distribution a possibility for some breweries to sustain business.

"It's a considerable piece of work to sell the beer and distribute it," Graham said. "Breweries already work in a heavily regulated environment. All of the rules and laws and taxes apply to a brewery tend to stack up. We need to make sure that as things evolve and change, to have a voice representing breweries at the table."

Referred to as House Bill 5343, the legislation is expected to be bipartisan and has gained the support of Southwest Michigan craft brewers.

Matt Moersch, CEO of Moersch Hospitality Group – which owns Round Barn Brewery & Public House – said self-distribution wasn't a thing for the craft beer industry until five years ago.

On the beer side of operations, Round Barn produces about 1,800 barrels, but about 60 percent of that is sold through a distributor, Moersch said.

As the owners of Round Barn Winery, the company was able to self-distribute its wine when the vineyard opened in 1992. Moersch said it was great for them in the beginning.

Don Campbell / HP staff

Matt Gaipa checks a sample of a new beer, Binary Sunrise, at Arclight Brewing Co.

However, the winery grew big enough to where it sought help in distributing their wine. That would have been the case for Round Barn's brewery had there not been a low threshold for how many barrels could be self-distributed.

"We little guys have to rely on legislators like Wendzel to have a voice," Moersch said in reference to wholesaler lobbyists. "This gets them (new breweries) started faster to introduce their products. It helps them in the beginning phases. Otherwise they would have to sell double the amount to wholesalers to make the same amount."

Coyle got involved through a statewide effort by the owner of Eastern Market Brewing Co., which launched an online petition to increase the barrel production to 30,000 barrels for self-distribution.

Ironically, the top four states in craft beer have self-distribution limits of 60,000 barrels, with the exception of Colorado, which allows 10,000 barrels.

In 2018, only five Michigan breweries produced more than 30,000 barrels, and only Founders and Bells produced more than 50,000 barrels.

"Outside of Founders and Bells, this state is made up of a lot of smaller breweries," Coyle said.

Coyle reached out to Eastern Market Brewing Co. and was told to contact his local legislators. This interaction prompted him to reach out to Wendzel in the summer of 2019.

Arclight, which opened as a self-distributing microbrewery in July 2014, has become known for its sour beers. As Coyle plans to expand this sour beer production, he said they are more than likely to surpass 1,000 barrels in a year.

"Even with this bill, the interesting thing is we are the lowest among every state in self-distribution limits," Coyle said. "Most states go with 5,000 barrels. Michigan was the lowest, and with this change, will still be the lowest.

"But it's a welcome change, don't get me wrong."

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RESA

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school would start Aug. 31, Ivers said.

"If we could start the week before Labor Day, like we used to, school would get out the second week of June, rather than the third week," he said.

But Ivers sees other advantages beyond those on the calendar.

"There would be less chance of interference of taking final exams (later), due to weather, or school closures, or things like that," he said.

Ivers also sees a potential benefit for students in career and technical education classes.

"It would be better if we all started the same, because CTE programs and Lake Michigan College courses would start at the same time," he said.

If Berrien RESA gets the go-ahead, Ivers would fill out an online form on the MDE website.

State law then requires him to schedule a public hearing, with an MDE representative present.

As far as the approval timeline goes, "it will depend on when the MDE person could attend a hearing," Ivers said. "My goal would be to have this wrapped up by the end of February."

Berrien RESA also surveyed staff and students to see how they feel about the change.

Of the 277 responding so far, 53.6 percent favor starting before Labor Day, with 29.9 percent opposed, and 16.5 with no opinion either way.

PIERANGELI

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testimony for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Outside of the prosecutor's office, Pierangeli serves as the president-elect for the Berrien County Bar Association and previously served on the association's Professionalism Committee. He also serves on the board of directors for the Children's Advocacy Center of Southwest Michigan and the Saint Joseph Aquatics. He volunteers in local elementary schools through the Junior Achievement program, and has coached AYSO soccer, youth hockey and little league baseball for 10 years.

He is a member of the Knights of Columbus at Saints John and Bernard Parish in Benton Harbor and a member of the St. Joseph-Benton Harbor Kiwanis Club.

Pierangeli lives in St. Joseph with his wife, Miranda, and their four children.

His campaign has set up a Facebook page at facebook.com/pierangeli2020.

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DO YOU REMEMBER?

25 years ago – 1995

River Valley and New Buffalo schools should merge their junior high and high schools, said Larry Schlack, a WMU education professor hired to consult by the two districts. He insisted his tentative plan does not represent a consolidation of the two districts. The districts would retain separate school boards but merge sports teams, extracurricular activities, bus service, food service and personnel. "This is a sharing of services between two districts that remain two separate districts," he explained to a skeptical audience at New Buffalo Junior High School last night.

35 years ago – 1985

An open house to unveil new television production facilities at Benton Harbor High School was held yesterday evening. The $45,000 in new equipment and another $12,000 in studio renovations will initially help students produce educational shows for elementary students in the district. Programs that can be broadcast on cable tv will also be produced in the future. About 50 high school students are enrolled in radio and television production classes at Benton Harbor.

50 years ago – 1970

A Territorial Road used car dealer who left his car lot lights on at night to deter thieves, has turned them off again. All the lights did were to better the working conditions for the thieves, he said to Benton Township police this weekend, when he reported eight batteries stolen.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Saturday, Jan. 18, the 18th day of 2020. There are 348 days left in the year.

Highlight in History:

On Jan. 18, 1993, the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday was observed in all 50 states for the first time.

On this date:

In 1778, English navigator Captain James Cook reached the present-day Hawaiian Islands, which he named the "Sandwich Islands."

In 1911, the first landing of an aircraft on a ship took place as pilot Eugene B. Ely brought his Curtiss biplane in for a safe landing on the deck of the armored cruiser USS Pennsylvania in San Francisco Harbor.

In 1919, the Paris Peace Conference, held to negotiate peace treaties ending the First World War, opened in Versailles, France.

In 1936, Nobel Prize-winning author Rudyard Kipling, 70, died in London.

In 1943, during World War II, Jewish insurgents in the Warsaw Ghetto launched their initial armed resistance against Nazi troops, who eventually succeeded in crushing the rebellion. The Soviets announced they'd broken through the long Nazi siege of Leningrad (it was another year before the siege was fully lifted). A U.S. ban on the sale of pre-sliced bread – aimed at reducing bakeries' demand for metal replacement parts – went into effect.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Rain Likely	Snow Showers Likely	Few Snow Showers	Few Snow Showers	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy
38°	14°	21° / 11°	24° / 16°	22° / 14°	30° / 22°

Local Outlook

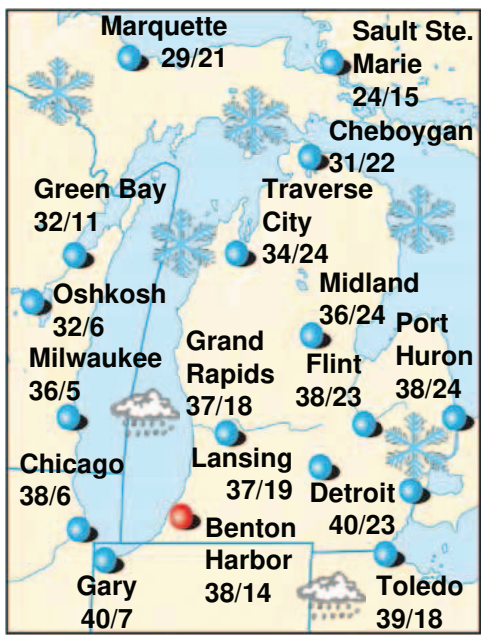
Today we will see cloudy skies with a 100% chance of rain, high temperature of 38°, humidity of 83%. South southwest wind 18 to 29 mph. Expect cloudy skies tonight with a 95% chance of snow showers, overnight low of 14°. West wind 22 to 28 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise	8:10 a.m.
Sunset	5:42 p.m.
Moonrise	1:59 a.m.
Moonset	1:00 p.m.

New	First	Full	Last
1/24	2/1	2/9	2/15

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	30°
Low	21°
Normal High	31°
Normal Low	16°
Record High	55° in 1999
Record Low	-4° in 2005

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	2.95"
Normal for month	0.92"
Year to date	2.95"
Normal Year to date	0.92"

Air Quality

Yesterday	43
Main Offender	Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50	Good
51-100	Moderate
101-150	Sensitive
151-200	Unhealthy

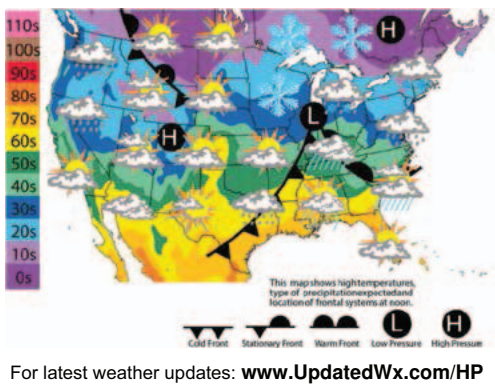
Weather Trivia

What meteorologist made a significant contribution to geology?

Answer: Alfred Wegener first theorized that the continents were once together.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for Jan. 18, 2020



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Lake Michigan

Today, SSE wind 19 to 29 kt. Winds could gust as high as 39 kt. Rain. Waves 2 ft building to 9 ft. Water temperature 37 degrees.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be cloudy with widespread snow, highs in the 20s and 30s. Southeast wind 2 to 18 mph. Expect cloudy skies Sunday with widespread snow showers, highs in the 10s and 20s. North wind 10 to 13 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be cloudy with scattered rain and snow, highs in the 30s and 40s. South southwest wind 18 to 29 mph. Expect cloudy skies Sunday with scattered snow showers, highs in the 20s. West wind 14 to 22 mph.

Implosion back on for partially collapsed New Orleans hotel

By KEVIN MCGILL
The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Plans are on again to implode a New Orleans hotel building that partially collapsed last fall, killing three workers, city officials said Friday.

Mayor LaToya Cantrell and Fire Superintendent Tim McConnell said at a news conference that the implosion is expected to take place in mid-March.

Implosion had been considered, then rejected in the weeks after the Oct. 12 collapse at the planned Hard Rock Hotel on Canal Street, at the edge of New Orleans' French Quarter.

But on Friday, officials said the implosion plan was back on. It was deemed safer than having workers dismantle the structure.

"Putting more people at risk, I cannot live with that and will not support that," Cantrell said.

And it will mean commerce and traffic can return to the area around the unstable building more quickly.

Implosion will also bring the building down ahead of hurricane season, which begins June 1. Demolition had been expected to last until December.

Three people died in the collapse. The remains of two workers remain in the wreckage and Cantrell said returning the remains to their families remains a priority.

Explosives already have been used at the site once. Two towering, multi-ton construction cranes were toppled in controlled blasts on Oct. 21 because they were in danger of falling.

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Watervliet turns down church request

Council says no to Freshwater Church's bid to buy vacant building

By JAMES P. MILLER
HP Correspondent

WATERVLIET — A divided city commission voted Thursday evening to block a church's plan to transform a shuttered downtown building into a church.

Prior to the meeting, the city's attorney had advised commissioners in a letter that, if the commission were to grant the waivers the church needs, the action "would be a violation of the city's own ordinances," and could make future zoning law enforcement more difficult.

The commission's denial appears to mark the end of Freshwater Community Church's nine-month effort to obtain a special land use permit that would allow Freshwater to purchase – and then spend hundreds of thousands of dollars renovating – a building at 115 North Main Street. That structure, which once housed Bob's Hobby Shop, is now empty and deteriorating.

The church plan had drawn support from a number of community members for its potential to help revive Watervliet's downtown district.

"I don't understand why anyone would oppose this," Tat Parish, an attorney whose office is near the former hobby shop, said during the public-comment segment of Thursday's meeting. "I see only benefit" from the plan, he said, echoing remarks other supporters had offered at a previous meeting.

But Freshwater faced an uphill regulatory fight. The city's planning commission, after a months-long review, voted in December to deny the needed permit. The church plan didn't meet certain zoning requirements, including a requirement for parking capacity, the planning group ruled.

Last week at its regular monthly meeting, the city council took up the issue of whether to sign off on the planning group's recommendation. After a contentious meeting that featured significant pro-and-con input from the public, however,

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Hale block demolition

While the reconstruction Center Street continues, demolition work is now underway on a portion of the Hale block on Center Street in downtown South Haven. Buildings along the block were purchased in 2019 by South Haven developer Randy Locker, who plans to renovate the three-story building shown above and tear down other smaller buildings along the block to make way for further development. The other photo shows demolition of several old storage buildings located in back of the Hale block.

Photos provided / Tom Renner

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There are rules aplenty for scattering ashes

Is it OK to scatter a deceased loved one's ashes in a park or in Lake Michigan? Or is there a law against such a thing? Asking for a friend.

– Anonymous

Friend of Anonymous,

Michigan currently does not have any state laws that control where one may scatter human cremated ashes, however the federal law does. One may scatter human cremated ashes on their own property. If one wishes to scatter human ashes on private land, permission is needed from the land owner. Spreading ashes at a cemetery is allowed, but one needs to follow the cemetery's rules and may have to pay a cost.

Lake Michigan is a beautiful place where many people request to have their remains scattered. Michigan does permit this, although the federal law considers this a burial at sea. The federal government has set guidelines for a burial at sea (spreading ashes on water). First, one is required to report the burial at sea to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Second, one must be at least three miles away from the shore before scattering any ashes. The EPA does not permit scattering at beaches or in wading pools by the sea.

Before spreading any ashes on public land, check with the city and county to make sure you are within their regulations and zoning rules. One may require a permit to spread ashes within a state park. The Clear Water Act requires one to have a permit from the local government, if one wishes to spread ashes on a lake within a state park.

To spread ashes on federal land, one needs to first request permission. Some national parks have guidelines on their websites. Federal law prohibits dropping any objects from the air that can potentially cause harm to people or property. Ashes aren't considered to be harmful and may be scattered from a plane, but the urn or container holding the ashes may not be.

Send in your questions about the law; get an answer from those who enforce it. Email your question to AskACop@TheHP.com and it may be featured in an article.

STEVENSVILLE

Polar Plunge returns to Watermark Feb. 1

Registration now open for charity event

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

STEVENSVILLE — Watermark Brewing Co. will once again host the Berrien County Polar Plunge for Special Olympics Michigan.

The plunge will happen Saturday, Feb. 1, at 5781 Saint Joseph Ave. in Stevensville, where registration will begin at 10 a.m.

The plunge will begin at noon. Participants will brave the cold and plunge into a makeshift pool at Watermark. Awards and an After Splash Bash party will begin immediately following the last plunger.

Registration is open now at https://give.classy.org/BerrienCounty20.

Don Campbell / HP file photo

Dozens of people took turns during the 2019 Michigan Law Enforcement Polar Plunge, held last January at Watermark Brewing Co. in Stevensville. More than $29,000 was raised to benefit the Special Olympics.

Participants can choose to plunge by themselves or form a team and raise $75 per person, to earn a 2020 Polar Plunge long-sleeve T-shirt.

Others can go above and beyond the $75 threshold to earn more prizes. All money raised helps provide free sports training, competition, health screenings and inclusive programs for more than 20,000 children and adults with intellectual disabilities in Michigan.

Everyone is welcome to attend and enjoy food, drinks, raffles and music.

The annual Michigan Law Enforcement Torch Run Polar Plunge is the largest fundraiser for Special Olympics Michigan, raising more than $1 million each year.

Thirty Polar Plunges are scheduled to take place across Michigan this winter. A complete list of plunges can be found at www.PlungeMI.com.

At last year's Polar Plunge at

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Brothers plead guilty in shooting death

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Two brothers from Benton Harbor have reached plea deals with prosecutors that call for them to each spend 11 ½ years in prison for a deadly shooting.

D. HOLBROOK

E. HOLBROOK

Dennis Holbrook Jr., 24, and Eric Holbrook, 22, pleaded guilty to voluntary manslaughter in the July 31, 2019, shooting death of Arsenio Jordan, 29.

The brothers originally were charged with open murder, first-degree murder and several lesser charges, and would have faced life in prison without parole if convicted as charged. They also both pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a

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Gov. Whitmer has a new approach to crumbling roads

By PAUL EGAN
Detroit Free Press

SAGINAW — Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, who saw her $2 billion plan to fix Michigan's crumbling roads and bridges rejected by the Legislature last year, said Friday she will now shift to smaller steps, which she described as "triage" for the roads.

Whitmer gave a partial preview of her Jan. 29 State of the State address in a luncheon speech to the Great Lakes Bay Economic Club at Saginaw Valley State University in Saginaw, and in comments to reporters just before she delivered the speech.

"We have to bend the curve, or this asset is going to get beyond repair," Whitmer said. "That's my focus right now – how do we make sure that it's not beyond repair."

"This year, I am going to push forward with starting to triage the roads."

Whitmer did not provide details, but her comments strongly suggest her plan will involve smaller steps and a range of revenue sources after her plan for a 45-cent-per-gallon fuel tax increase won few backers in 2019.

Speculation has focused on borrowing and the use of tolls on bridges and possibly some highways. Whitmer has said she is looking at a range of possible options, including those.

"Our failing infrastructure is the No. 1 crisis facing Michigan," Whitmer said in her speech.

"I'm going to use every tool in my toolbox to start fixing the damn roads now."

Last year, "the Republican-led Legislature not only didn't embrace it ... they didn't offer any alternative," she said.

Whitmer has said all proposals put forward by GOP leaders in 2019 involved leveraging school pension bonds as a source of financing, which she will not support.

"I need to have a legislative partner that is serious about solving this," she said.

House Speaker Lee Chatfield, R-Levering, said last year and has repeated this year that he is not prepared to discuss any new revenue for roads unless it involves changes to ensure that every cent of tax paid on fuel is spent on roads.

Fuel taxes already go to support roads and bridges, but Michigan is among only a handful of states that also applies its full sales tax to gasoline. Sales tax revenues mostly go to schools and local governments. Removing the 6% sales tax from fuel sales would take away hundreds of millions of dollars in revenue that are currently spent on those areas.

Removing the sales tax from fuel sales would allow for a fuel tax increase of close to 18 cents a gallon, without increasing the overall price of a gallon of gas.

Senate Majority Leader Mike Shirkey, R-Clarklake, said Wednesday that raising additional revenues for roads through an adjustment to the sales tax is "one of the most sustainable solutions" to Michigan's roads problem.

Asked whether he was referencing an increase in the sales tax, or instead expanding it to apply it to services, as well as goods, Shirkey said: "None of them are off the table."

Whitmer's 45-cent gas tax hike would have raised $2.5 billion a year when fully implemented. But her plan also involved redirecting to other spending needs about $600 million in general fund money that is now spent on roads. So the net increase for roads would have been closer to $2 billion.

Disgraced former judge sent to jail for lying during divorce

BRIGHTON (AP) — A former judge who was removed from office for unethical conduct was sentenced to six months in jail Friday for committing perjury during her divorce case.

"I struggle to convey to you my remorse and shame that I feel because of what I've done," Theresa Brennan said. "It was ignorant, foolish and wrong. I'm devastated. I've lost my career and I am a felon."

Brennan was a judge in Livingston County for 14 years until the Michigan Supreme Court removed her last June. She was accused of many ethics violations in how she ran her office as well as for a relationship with a state police detective during a murder trial.

Separately, she pleaded guilty to perjury in December. Brennan was accused of lying during a deposition about erasing data from her iPhone shortly after her husband filed for divorce in 2016.

Defense attorney Britt Cobb asked for probation, but Judge Paul Cusick wasn't swayed.

"Even though you required others to tell the truth, you decided to lie," Cusick said Friday, a reference to Brennan's work as a judge.

Tom Kizer, who represented Brennan's former husband in the divorce, attended the court hearing.

"We all make mistakes, people do," he said. "But when you wait until you get backed into a corner before you start to admit your own culpability, then we have less sympathy."

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Watermark – the first one to be held at the Stevensville brewery – plungers raised more than $29,000, far exceeding the $10,000 goal.

More than 70 participants took the plunge into a large outdoor pool where the temperature got to as low as 12 degrees Fahrenheit.

Special Olympics Michigan provides year-round sports training and athletic competition for more than 27,000 athletes.

SOMI is a nonprofit organization supported almost entirely by corporate and individual gifts and events.

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firearm and weapons felony firearms.

With their lawyers Paul Jancha Jr. and Jason Engram beside them, Eric, then Dennis, each told Berrien County Trial Court Judge Gordon Hosbein what happened.

Eric told the court he got word that his sister was in a disagreement with someone at a house on Superior Street in Benton Harbor, and that he went there armed with a pistol. He said people started shooting and he fired his pistol at Arsenio Jordan.

Dennis told the judge he was already angry when he went to the house on Superior Street where Jordan and several other people were outside on a porch. He said he pulled out his pistol and pointed it at Jordan. He said Jordan then pulled a gun and shot him, and he shot back in the general direction of Jordan. He said other people were also shooting. Dennis Holbrook was injured, and Jordan died.

Witnesses who testified at earlier hearings said the altercation stemmed from a disagreement about money supposedly owed to Felecia Lee, the mother of Eric and Dennis Holbrook. She also went to the house on Superior Street and originally was charged with first-degree murder along with her sons.

At an earlier hearing, Judge Hosbein did not find probable cause to bind the mother over on the murder charge, and it was dismissed. She pleaded guilty, however, to harboring a felon, Eric Holbrook. She was to have been sentenced for that earlier this month. But the sentencing was adjourned because Berrien Assistant Prosecutor Trevor Maveal has filed a motion to reinstate the murder charge against her, and a hearing on that matter has yet to take place.

Judge Hosbein revoked bond for Dennis and Eric Holbrook and set sentencing for 1:30 p.m. March 9. He said he intends to honor the sentencing agreement and sentence them to no more and no less than 11 ½ years.

Hosbein noted that both brothers have been respectful throughout their cases and he urged them to continue to do so.

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the commission put off a vote in order to seek legal guidance from the city attorney.

In a letter dated Jan. 14, however, attorney Jessica Fette offered no support to Freshwater's bid.

Whenever the city council considers a special permit, the city's attorney wrote, it must "follow the ordinances as written." While failing to do so "is not 'illegal,'" she concluded, "it is certainly ill-advised."

In a brief discussion prior to the vote, Commissioner Jennifer Helms said that she would back the planning commission and the city attorney.

But the church's entry into Watervliet's business district would be "a plus for the city," countered Commissioner Michael Bumstead, "because we've got vacant stores downtown." If commissioners opt to let the empty building sit, he cautioned, "it's not going to do any good."

When the roll-call vote was taken, "no" votes – votes against the church plan – came from Commissioners Duane Cobb, Jennifer Helms and Luke Strunk. Votes backing the church effort came from Commissioners Deah Muth, Michael Bumstead and Bill Whitney. A "no" vote from Mayor David Brinker sealed the fate of the church plan.

Freshwater Pastor Justin VanFerrari, who had given an impassioned presentation to the commission prior to the vote, told commissioners at the meeting's end that while the church is disappointed by what he considers a flawed decision. "Our ministry doesn't rise or fall because of a building. It never will," he said.

Indiana agency denies emergency request over beach erosion

OGDEN DUNES (AP) — An Indiana state agency declined to declare an emergency at Lake Michigan beaches eroded by high water levels and a series of storms, saying there isn't enough damage to public resources to warrant the use of federal disaster funds.

The Indiana Department of Homeland Security concluded this week that the damage to the shoreline in Porter and LaPorte counties isn't severe enough for the state to request financial assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

"To date, we are unaware of any loss of infrastructure (i.e. roads, bridges, public utilities, etc.) which would qualify for public assistance funding from federal or state disaster relief programs," IDHS Executive Director Stephen Cox wrote in a Wednesday letter to lawmakers who asked for the state's assistance.

Cox responded to calls from Democratic state Sen. Karen Tallian and Rep. Pat Boy, who had asked Republican Gov. Eric Holcomb to declare a disaster in those counties, saying the state's response has been woefully inadequate.

IDHS, and other state and federal agencies, have been monitoring the beach erosion, Cox said. He pointed to similar shoreline erosion problems in Michigan that the state hasn't deemed a disaster or sought FEMA funds for, The Times of Northwest Indiana reported.

But Tallian pushed back, arguing that although the lake hasn't damaged "public" infrastructure, such as the Portage lakefront pavilion, there's an urgent need for state resources to prevent that from happening.

The senator, who is from Ogden Dunes, noted that support beams for porches at lake-adjacent homes in Long Beach have collapsed. Lake water has also made its way past barriers and exposed septic fields in the town, possibly resulting in sewage seeping into the lake.

She also pointed to the "big pile of money" the town of Beverly Shores spent on preventing Lake Front Drive from getting washed out.

"Surely we don't have to wait until the road is in the lake before we can ask for assistance," Tallian said.

There are ongoing local efforts to address erosion.

Officials in Porter County, Portage, Ogden Dunes and Beverly Shores have declared local beach erosion emergencies.

On Thursday, the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission created a committee to demand a more helpful response from state and federal authorities.

The commission will underscore the threats of the rising lake levels in addition to the broader regional and national implications.

This week in Illinois, high lake levels and a string of storms have forced Chicago officials to close two beaches in Rogers Park, which is on the city's North Side.

Sexual misconduct charges filed against 2 Michigan priests

LANSING (AP) — Criminal sexual conduct charges have been filed against two priests who worked in the Upper Peninsula's Catholic diocese of Marquette, Michigan prosecutors announced Friday

The charges against Gary Allen Jacobs of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Roy Joseph were announced Friday by Attorney General Dana Nessel office's Clergy Abuse Investigation Team.

Jacobs, 74, faces seven counts of criminal sexual conduct involving the alleged abuse of a child between the ages of 13 and 16 in Ontonagon County. The alleged conduct occurred between Jan. 1, 1981, and Dec. 31, 1984. The alleged misconduct in Dickinson County that took place between March 1, 1984, and April 30, 1984, involved a person under 13 years old.

According to prosecutors, Jacobs was arrested Friday in New Mexico and will face a hearing for extradition to Michigan to face the charges. It wasn't immediately known if Jacobs has obtained legal representation.

The 52-year-old Joseph, who currently lives in India, is charged in connection with an incident which occurred on or about Feb. 21, 2006 while he served as a priest in Marquette County.

A telephone call to the Marquette Diocese for comment on the charges wasn't immediately returned.

In a statement, Nessel said the Clergy Abuse Investigation Team continues its investigation into abuse by priests to ensure justice for victims "who courageously come forward to identify their abusers."

IN BRIEF

College band scholarship now open to all county students

COLOMA — A scholarship created in 2017 for high school students that will participate in a college marching band has expanded.

Students from all schools in the county can now apply for the $1,000 Rodney Weir Marching Band Scholarship, through the Berrien Community Foundation (BCF).

The scholarship had only been for Coloma students, as Weir was a 1988 Coloma High School graduate. Weir headed to the University of Michigan and led the University of Michigan Marching Band for two years as the drum major.

Applications for scholarships through the BCF are now open and due March 6.

For more information about the scholarship, visit www.rwmbscholarship.com or www.berriencommunity.org.

I&M sets 2 open houses at Eau Claire Twp. Hall

EAU CLAIRE — Indiana Michigan Power has scheduled two open houses for Jan. 22 and 23 at the Pipestone Township Hall, 7185 Elm St. in Eau Claire. The purpose of the open houses is to inform people about upcoming improvements in the Berrien Springs-Eau Claire area.

Each open house is set to run from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The focus of both open houses will be the building of the new Blossom Trail Substation, a half mile of new transmission lines and the replacement of the Berrien Springs Substation with the new Bower Substation.

The open houses will not feature any formal presentation but will allow people to come to view detailed maps and meet with project team members.

The projects are part of a larger I&M plan to upgrade the local power grid and improve electric reliability. Construction is expected to start in early 2021 and be done by the end of that year.

Officers cleared in fatal Kalamazoo shooting of fugitive

KALAMAZOO (AP) — Four police officers were justified in shooting a parole absconder 13 times last year, killing him, a prosecutor said Friday.

Kalamazoo County Prosecutor Jeff Getting released his decision in the April 4 death of Thomas Verile Jr., saying the officers had reason to believe that Verile was a threat to their lives, WOOD-TV reported.

Verile refused to obey commands to show his hands and shouted at officers that he had a gun and would kill them, Getting said. When Verile made a sudden move forward, his hands still covered, the four officers opened fire on him at a home outside Kalamazoo. Verile was found to be unarmed.

OBITUARIES

Robert M. 'Bob' Narregan

April 14, 1945 – Jan. 13, 2020

Robert M. "Bob" Narregan, 74, of Decatur passed away Monday, Jan. 13, 2020, at his home.

A Celebration of Life Gathering will be held from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15, at the Decatur VFW Post 6248, 560 N. Phelps St., Decatur, with a Celebration of Life Service held at noon Saturday, with the Rev. Amber Nettleton officiating. Private burial will take place in Lakeside Cemetery in Decatur. Memorial donations in Bob's name may be made to the ASPCA, Decatur VFW Post 6248 or Decatur Human Services. Those wishing to sign Bob's memory book online may do so at www.newellchapel.com.

Bob was born April 14, 1945, in St. Joseph, to Harold and Lorrane (Seavers) Narregan. He graduated from Decatur High School, class of 1963, where he played football, basketball, baseball and ran track. Bob went on to Ferris State College, where he was a member of Sigma Phi, graduating in 1968 with a bachelor's degree.

Bob worked as an assistant golf pro at Bay Point Country Club in West Bloomfield, Mich., for several years. In 1975 he joined Standby Power and in 1989 he co-founded Gen Power in Wixom, Mich. He retired in 2013 and moved back to Decatur. Bob was a member of the Decatur VFW Men's Auxiliary. In his free time, he enjoyed tending to his butterfly gardens, golfing, fishing, riding his Harley and helping those who needed assistance. After his brother-in-law's passing, he took over his role of mowing the six acres of grass at the church.

Bob is survived by his sister, Deborah Weurding of Kalamazoo; several cousins, Richard (Debra) Narregan of Stevensville, Jon Auten and Mary Beth Auten, both of Cornish, N.H., and Hanford "Skip" (Gail) Auten III of Acworth N.H.; and his feline companion, Ashley.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, James W. Narregan; and his brother-in-law, Steven J. Weurding.

Louis Hudson

Dec. 4, 1942 – Dec. 26, 2019

Louis Hudson departed from this life on Dec. 26, 2019, in Los Angeles.

Louis Hudson was born to Thomas and Maggie Hudson on Dec. 4, 1942, in Cape Girardeau, Mo., the first of two sons born to Maggie Hudson. Louis grew up in Benton Harbor, and as his mother preceded him in death when he was only 3 years of age, Louis was raised by his grandmother, Aranna Donald, together with his younger brother, Earnest.

In the late 1970s, Louis attended cosmetology school in Hollywood, Calif., and soon made a career of the profession. By the 1980s, Louis had earned his way into an executive position with the Hollywood Curl Company. During this period of Louis' life, though his home base continued to be in Southern California, his international travel became extensive, as he opened divisions of Hollywood Curl in London, England, Lagos, Nigeria, and Johannesburg, South Africa. In the 1990s, Louis retired, opened up his own barbershop in Los Angeles, and continued to run barbershops until the time of his recent passing.

Simultaneously, Louis enjoyed a lucrative career within the film and television industry for over 35 years, often working alongside his brother, Ernie Hudson.

Louis leaves behind to cherish his memory, his wife, Mildred Jean Hudson; two daughters, Dana Potts and Renonda Hudson; son, Calvin Hudson; brother, Ernie Hudson; nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; four nephews; and a host of cousins, relatives and friends.

Homegoing services will be held on Saturday, Jan. 18, at Brotherhood Church of God in Christ, 516 Emery Ave., Benton Harbor, MI 49022, with visitation starting at 10 a.m., followed by services at 11 a.m. Those wishing to sign the guest book online may go to robbinsbrothersfh.com.

Death notices

Manuel Estrada died Jan. 15, 2020, at Valley Grande Manor, Weslaco, Texas. Calvin Funeral Home, Hartford, 621-4101.

Louis Hudson, 77, of Los Angeles, formerly of Benton Harbor died Dec. 26, 2019. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Kathy L. (Wennerberg) Maxson, 65, of St. Joseph died Jan. 2, 2020, in St. Joseph. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Marlene A. Sorget, 82, of Richmond, Mich., formerly of Bridgman and Grand Haven, Mich., died Jan. 12, 2020, at Lakeshore Woods in Fort Gratiot, Mich. Karrer-Simpson Funeral Home, Port Huron, Mich., (810) 985-9605.

Amy F. Welch, 92, of Belleair, Fla., died Jan. 16, 2020, at Hanson Hospice Center, Stevensville. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Mary Ellen Hicks

Nov. 3, 1942 – Jan. 9, 2020

Mary Ellen Hicks, 77, of Benton Harbor passed away peacefully on Thursday, Jan. 9, 2020, at home, due to complications of dementia.

Mary was born on Nov. 3, 1942, in Benton Harbor, to David and Wilma (Clark) Diehl. She is survived by her children, Rayetta Nasseh of Benton Harbor, Judi (Eric) Steindorf of Concord, Calif., and Timothy (Shellie) Hicks of Berrien Springs; grandchildren, Aaron and Hanna Nasseh, Ryan, Otto and Katie Steindorf and Tyler and Kasie Hicks; and a sister, Charlene.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Jean and Rozella; and brother, Butch.

Mary's family moved to Terre Haute, Ind., when she was very young, but moved back to Michigan in the 1950s. She graduated from Benton Harbor High School in 1960. Mary worked as a secretary at Hicks Sign Co. before working as a bank teller for the former F&M Bank in St. Joseph. After a few years, Mary changed bank locations to what is currently Chase Bank in Stevensville. She took great pride in being the drive-thru bank teller, forming bonds with many of the customers.

She was a former volunteer at Mercy-Memorial and Lakeland Hospital and enjoyed being of service to the community. Mary loved animals, enjoyed crafting, playing cards, being with family and quilting at the St. Joseph-Lincoln Township Senior Center and Arcadia Village Country Club in Florida. Mary was also very proud of the Bunco group she formed with a group of ladies in the 1960s, which survived for more than 30 years. Since retiring, Mary and her former husband would spend their winters in Florida, enjoying the warm weather, sunshine and the company of numerous friends.

A Celebration of Life Service will take place at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 24, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph. A private burial will take place at a later date in Hickory Bluff Cemetery, Stevensville. Friends may visit with the family from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 23, with the Rosary being recited at 7 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer Association – Michigan Great Lakes Chapter. Those wishing to sign the online guest book may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Ethel May (Kelley) Brown

May 11, 1946 – Jan. 11, 2020

Ethel May (Kelley) Brown, 73, of Berrien Springs died Jan. 11, 2020, at Hanson Hospice Center, Stevensville.

Born Ethel May Kelley on May 11, 1946, to Floyd Scott Kelley and Jessie Mary Jane Archer, she was one of six children including: Roy, Glenda, Barbara, Joe and Noah.

Ethel had two children, Raymond Scott Cook and Lisa Ann Lidecker (Jim); three grandchildren, Kellie (Nate), Bradley (Liz) and Angel Brown (Kevin); and five great-grandchildren, Cloey Foust, Georgia, Berkley and Benjamin Brown and Aubree Jenswold.

Ethel loved gardening, cooking and playing the slots. Known by many, feared by most, loved by all. She will be missed, Cold Ethel!

Kathy Lynn (Wennerberg) Maxson

June 15, 1954 – Jan. 2, 2020

Kathy Lynn (Wennerberg) Maxson, 65, passed away on Jan. 2, 2020, in her hometown of St. Joseph.

Kathy was born on June 15, 1954, in San Jose, Calif., to Allan and Gloria (Pitlik) Wennerberg. She was a 1972 graduate of St. Joseph High School and received a degree in journalism from Central Michigan University. She had most recently been employed by Whirlpool Corporation until her retirement in 2019.

Kathy was an avid reader and visited the local libraries multiple times a week. She enjoyed spending time outdoors, hiking trails and kayaking. Kathy loved animals, adopting many rescue boxers and cats throughout her life.

Kathy is survived by her mother, Gloria Wennerberg; sister, Beth Wallace; nieces, Holly (Rob) Harbin and April (Zach) Carson; great-nieces, Gloria Harbin and Courtney and Aubrey Carson; and a great-nephew, Wyatt Carson.

She was preceded in death by her father, Allan Wennerberg.

A family service honoring Kathy's life has taken place. Memorial contributions may be given to Animal Aid of Southwest Michigan. Please leave a memory of Kathy for her family online at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Kathy always said, "Love you to the moon and back. Just me."

Marlene A. Sorget

April 16, 1937 – Jan. 12, 2020

Marlene A. Sorget, 82, of Richmond, Mich., formerly of Bridgman and Grand Haven, Mich., was called to her eternal home in heaven on Jan. 12, 2020, at Lakeshore Woods in Fort Gratiot, Mich., after a battle with Alzheimer's disease.

She was born April 16, 1937, in Porter, Ind., to the late Charles and Alice Bross. She married Norman "Jack" Sorget on June 25, 1955, in Glendora, Mich. He preceded her in death on Sept. 7, 1999. She was a lifetime resident in Southwest Michigan until briefly residing in Richmond and Grand Haven.

She is survived by her daughter, Sheryl (Larry) Morris; granddaughter, Erin (Bret) Krabill; two great-grandchildren, Colton and Audrey; brothers, Frank Bross, Ron Bross and Ken Bross; sisters, Joyce Holt, Norma Grooms, Sharon Beimers, Charlyce Krieger, Patricia Bernia and Diana Jones; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her brothers, Charles "Chuck" Bross, Darrell Bross and August Bross; and a sister, Sandy DePagter.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 25, at Holy Redeemer Lutheran Church, Port Huron, with visitation beginning at 10 a.m. The Rev. Aaron Duve will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made to Cure Alzheimer's Fund in Wellesley Hills, Mass., Seasons Hospice & Palliative Care of Michigan, or the Dementia & Alzheimer's Resource Committee in Port Huron.

Arrangements are by Karrer-Simpson Funeral Home. To send condolences, visit karrersimpson.com.

James Fuse

Jan. 16, 1942 – Jan. 10, 2020

James Fuse of Grand Rapids, Mich., departed this life on Jan. 10, 2020, surrounded by family.

James Fuse was born on Jan. 16, 1942, to the union of Henry and C.D Fuse.

He is survived by his children, Kimberley and Regina Kelly of Grand Rapids; three grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; two sisters, Ruby Arms of Grand Prairie, Texas, and Annie Cleave of Benton Harbor; two special brothers, Virgil Hatcher Benton Harbor and Larry Scales of Pomona, Calif.; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

He is preceded in death by his father, Henry Fuse; his mother, C.D Fuse; sisters, Viola Leonard, Lillian Haley, Caroline Washington, Emma Henry and Blanche Gillespie; and brothers, David Fuse, Jessie Fuse, L.D Fuse, Samuel Haley, Louis Haley, Sylvester Fuse and Floyd Haley.

Services will be at Greater Faith Apostolic Church, 1995 Britain, Benton Harbor, MI 49022 on Saturday, Jan. 18, with visitation beginning at noon, followed by services at 1 p.m. Those wishing to sign the guest book online may go to robbinsbrothersfh.com.

Anthony 'Tony' Hoffman

Feb. 19, 1962 – Jan. 16, 2020

Anthony "Tony" Hoffman, 57, of St. Joseph passed away, Thursday, Jan. 16, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center in St. Joseph, surrounded by his loving family.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph, with Pastor Brian Robbins officiating. Burial will follow in Riverview Cemetery in St. Joseph. Friends may visit with the family from 5-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society. Those wishing to sign Tony's memory book online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Tony was born Feb. 19, 1962, in Benton Harbor, to Frank and Dorothy (McNealy) Hoffmann. He graduated from Lake Michigan Catholic High School, class of 1981. Tony enlisted in the Army National Guard and served his country for six years. On July 3, 1982, he married the former Saundra Martin in Benton Harbor. Tony was employed as a maintenance technician for St. Joseph Public Schools for the last 33 years. Tony was an active member of the former First Church of the Nazarene in St. Joseph, where he served as a Sunday School teacher, youth leader, sound tech and cook for many church functions. He loved his job and cooking for the church and his family.

Tony devoted his life to his family. He attended all of their sporting events to cheer on his children and grandchildren from the sidelines. Tony was always there for whomever needed assistance – family or friend.

Tony is survived by his wife, Saundra; his children, Jerry Hoffman of Lansing, Mich., and Heather Escobar of Lawton; four grandchildren: Gabriella and Abigail Escobar and Antonio and Daniel Hoffman; his mother, Dorothy Hicks of St. Joseph; his sister, Renee (Denver) Nower of St. Joseph; his brother, Joe (Nancy) Hoffmann of Baroda; his mother-in-law, Gwen Little of St. Joseph; his brother-in-law, Joe (Tina) Martin of St. Joseph; numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins; and his canine companion, Gordo.

Tony was preceded in death by his father, Frank Hoffmann.

Ronald Clarence Evans Sr.

Oct. 21, 1965 – Jan. 9, 2020

Ronald Clarence Evans Sr., affectionately known as "Rock-N-Roll," 54, of Benton Harbor died Jan. 9, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center in St. Joseph, surrounded by family.

Viewing and funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. and noon on Saturday, Jan. 18, at Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, Benton Harbor, with Pastor Carlton Lynch officiating.

Ronald was born Oct. 21, 1965, in Chicago, to his parents, the late Holly Mae Rush and Clarence Ponder. He was first employed with Midas Tires for six years until he later joined Chardon Rubber in St Joseph, where he remained employed until 1995.

He leaves beloved memories of his children: son, Ronald C. Evans Jr. of Atlanta; daughter, Patrice L. Evans of Benton Harbor; granddaughter, Cherish L. Morgan-Evans of Benton Harbor; brother, Jerry (Shirley) Evans of Gary, Ind.; sister, Robin (Dandy) Hamilton of Benton Harbor; several nephews and nieces whom he loved and adored; and a host of cousins, friends and loved ones.

Ronald was preceded in death by his parents, Holly Evans and Clarence Ponder; sisters, Willa Dixon and Debra Rush; brothers, Steve Parker Sr. and Curtis Parker Jr.; nephews, Anthony Rush and Rodney and Juwan Stevens.

Christopher Tolkien, son of Lord of the Rings creator, dies

LONDON (AP) — Christopher Tolkien, who played a major role protecting the legacy of his father's "The Lord of the Rings" trilogy, has died. He was 95.

The Tolkien Society and publisher HarperCollins UK confirmed Tolkien's death. The Centre Hospitalier de la Dracenie, a hospital in southern France, said the son of author J.R.R. Tolkien died there Thursday.

Tolkien's life work was closely identified with that of his father. He helped edit and publish much of the science fiction and fantasy writer's work after J.R.R. Tolkien died in 1973.

Among the books the younger Tolkien worked on were "The Silmarillion," "The Children Of Hurin," and other texts that flesh out the complex world his father created.

He also drew the original maps that adorned the three Lord of the Rings books – "The Fellowship of the Ring," "The Two Towers" and "The Return of the King" – when they were published in the 1950s.

Tolkien Society chairman Shaun Gunner said "millions of people around the world will be forever grateful to Christopher for bringing us" so many of his father's literary works.

"Christopher's commitment to his father's works have seen dozens of publications released, and his own work as an academic in Oxford demonstrates his ability and skill as a scholar," he said. "We have lost a titan and he will be sorely missed."

J.R.R. Tolkien scholar Dimitra Fimi said Christopher Tolkien helped the public understand his father's works.

"Tolkien studies would never be what it is today without Christopher Tolkien's contribution," she said.

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Tax-cut bonus bump long gone, wage growth slowed

By MITCHELL SCHNURMAN
The Dallas Morning News (TNS)

Remember the tax-cut bonuses?

Two years ago, after President Donald Trump and the Republican Congress approved a new tax law, hundreds of companies said they would share the bounty with workers.

AT&T, American Airlines, Comerica and Southwest Airlines were among the companies doling out $1,000 bonuses. Other major employers, including Walmart and Bank of America, joined in.

In all, over $4 billion in tax-cut bonuses were promised to over 5 million workers, according to Americans for Tax Fairness.

That sounds big – and a steady stream of companies made headlines for weeks after the tax law passed. But the upside hasn't been sustained despite a strong economy and low unemployment.

After the tax cuts, bonuses for private-sector workers rose almost 12 percent compared with the third quarter of 2017, according to data from the National Compensation Survey by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

By late 2018, however, those gains were gone, and employer costs for bonuses had declined 25 percent.

"There is zero evidence that the highly publicized bonuses were any kind of lasting change," said Matthew Gardner, a senior fellow at the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy in Washington.

He said it's too soon to measure some effects of the tax law, given that it's been in place for only two years and data often lags.

"But one thing we know is that the bonuses were a temporary thing and not a lasting measure of generosity on the part of these companies," Gardner said.

After the tax cuts, bonuses rose to 2.8 percent of total pay, the highest level since at least 2004. That mark held for three quarters, and then the share declined to 2.1 percent, where it has remained for a year.

In September 2019, the most recent period for the BLS data, the share of pay going to bonuses was the lowest in five years.

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act reduced the federal corporate income tax rate from a maximum of 35 percent to 21 percent. It also offered other tax breaks for capital projects and repatriating profits from abroad. According to a recent study by Gardner, the profitable companies in the Fortune 500 paid an effective tax rate of 11.3 percent in 2018, far lower than in previous years.

The extra cash from tax savings and repatriated funds helped companies invest record sums in buying back their shares. If the tax-cut bonuses topped $4 billion, as one group said, that would be less than 3 percent of the corporate tax cut and a smaller share of repatriated funds, the Congressional Research Service said.

"While evidence does indicate significant repurchases of shares, either from tax cuts or repatriated revenues, relatively little was directed to paying worker bonuses," researchers for the group wrote in a May 2019 report.

The White House Council of Economic Advisers predicted that corporate tax cuts would eventually raise the average household's income by $4,000. An increase of $1,500 to $2,900 in higher disposable income has already resulted, the council said last month.

It cited the combination of corporate tax cuts and changes to individual taxes, such as doubling the child tax credit.

Wages have been growing for many years, increasing faster than inflation for much of the past decade. The trend continued after the tax cuts, but growth rates have started to slow, trailing inflation in recent quarters.

"With the unemployment rate so low, it's disappointing that we're not seeing strong wage growth," said Seth Hanlon, a senior fellow at the Center for American Progress, a progressive policy think tank. "The power balance is still out of whack between employers and workers."

Proponents of corporate tax cuts said they would make U.S. companies more competitive and lead to more

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Nati Harnik

A Union Pacific employee climbs on board a locomotive in a rail yard in Council Bluffs, Iowa. This year's scheduled completion of a $15 billion automatic railroad braking system will bolster the industry's argument for eliminating one of the two crew members in most locomotives. But labor groups argue that single-person crews would make trains more accident prone.

Technology could cut train crews from 2 to 1 but is it safe?

By JOSH FUNK
Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — How many people does it take to operate a locomotive?

For the railroad industry, the answer is simple: One.

The industry is hoping this year's scheduled completion of an automatic railroad braking system will bolster its argument to reduce the number of crew members in most trains from two to just one. But labor groups argue that single-person crews would make trains more accident prone.

The $15 billion braking system, known as positive train control, is aimed at reducing human error by automatically stopping trains in certain situations like when it's in danger of

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Julie Jacobson

A CSX Transportation locomotive pulls a train of tank cars across a bridge on the Hudson River along the edge of Bear Mountain State Park near Fort Montgomery, N.Y. This year's scheduled completion of a $15 billion automatic railroad braking system will bolster the industry's argument for eliminating one of the two crew members in most locomotives. But labor groups argue that single-person crews would make trains more accident prone.

BUSINESS MEETINGS

Southwest Michigan Horticultural Days returns

BENTON TOWNSHIP — The Michigan Grape Society and Michigan State University Extension in partnership with Lake Michigan College will host the annual Southwest Michigan Horticultural Days conference Feb. 5-6 at Lake Michigan College's Mendel Center, 2755 E. Napier Ave. in Benton Township.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. both days and all educational sessions begin at 9 a.m.

Discussion of production issues will be led by MSU Extension agents, fruit growers and university researchers. There will be educational sessions on tree fruits, vegetables, blueberries and grapes on both days. A new session on hemp production will also be offered this year.

Registration cost is $65 per person. Mail registration to: Michigan Grape Society, P.O. Box 151, Baroda, MI 49101, Attention: Allen Zelmer.

Make checks payable to Michigan Grape Society. For registration information only, call Allen Zelmer at 269-870-5265.

To view program details of specific presentations, go to canr.msu.edu/swmrec (look under Resources and Reports). Online registration for credit card payment is available at https://michigangrapesociety.simpletix.com. Credit card payment will also be accepted at the door.

Items for Business Meetings can be emailed to business@TheHP.com or mailed to The Herald-Palladium, attention: Business, P.O. Box 128, St. Joseph, MI 49085.

BUSINESS PEOPLE

President of engineering firm to speak at conference

ST. JOSEPH — Edgewater Resources President Gregory Weykamp was selected to present as an industry expert at the 2020 International Marina and Boatyard Conference.

The international conference is taking place Jan. 14-16 in Fort Lauderdale and gives attendees an opportunity to learn about the latest services, information and technology used in the marina industry.

As part of the educational series, Weykamp will present "Reclaiming Waterfronts Through the Integration of Marinas and Public Spaces: Vision, Financial Feasibility, Permitting and Implementation" – a discussion around helping marina projects get funded, permitted and built.

Weykamp is a CLARB- and LEED-certified landscape architect with more than 27 years of experience in the planning and design of the public realm, with an emphasis on implementation of sustainable built landscapes and urban waterfront environments.

Honor announces changes to board of directors

BERRIEN SPRINGS — Honor Credit Union's vice chairman of the board of directors, Larry Olson, has retired and Greg Vaughn was appointed to the board as an associate board member.

Serving almost 50 years, Olson joined the board in 1971 with 31 of those years as chairman. Prior to his appointment, he served as a volunteer liaison recruiting new members for the credit union and spent his professional career as an educator and high school principal.

Previously serving as the chief operating officer and vice president of business development at Cornerstone Alliance for 26 years, Vaughn is the newest member of the board.

Vaughn currently resides in Benton Harbor with his wife, Janice, and has two grown children.

Items for Business People should be emailed to business@TheHP.com, faxed to 429-4398 or mailed to The Herald-Palladium, P.O. Box 128, St. Joseph MI 49085.

Need funding for your small business? SBA loan programs might be the answer

Starting a small business takes time, hard work and money.

Depending on your type of business and your present financial situation, you may find you need to reach to outside sources for funding.

One resource you can turn to for assistance in obtaining a loan to start or grow your business is the United States Small Business Administration (SBA). While the SBA does not directly lend money to small businesses, it can facilitate loans with third party lenders. Various banks, credit unions, community development organizations, and micro-lending institutions throughout the U.S. partner with the SBA to provide funding to small businesses without access to other financing options with reasonable terms.

SCORE

This column is provided by SCORE, an organization dedicated to helping small businesses start, grow and succeed. The local SCORE chapter provide free and confidential mentoring in management, accounting, marketing and business plan preparation.

SBA sets specific guidelines for loans, which are made by its partners, and it guarantees that they'll be repaid by the borrowers. This benefits small business owners by giving them access to much-needed funding, and it eliminates some of the risk to the lending partners.

To qualify for an SBA loan, your business must meet certain criteria regarding business size, financial standing, and others. You must also meet the credit qualifications of the lender.

Several advantages of SBA loans over conventional loans include:

- Lower down payments
- Longer repayment terms

Two SBA loan programs that benefit many small businesses are:

- 7(a) loan program: These loans can be used for various purposes (such as satisfying short-term or long-term working capital needs; purchasing equipment, machinery, and supplies; buying real estate; refinancing existing debt; and more).
- Microloan program: This program provides loans up to $50,000 to help businesses with lower dollar financing needs. According to the SBA, the average microloan is approximately $13,000. You may not use microloans to pay existing debt, but you can use them for working capital and purchasing inventory, supplies, furniture, equipment, machinery, etc.

There are other SBA loan programs as well.

For information about them, visit the SBA website's Loan Programs page. You can also find more details about obtaining financing for both start-ups and existing small businesses on the SBA website's Borrowing Money For Your Business page.

If you want to explore more potential sources of financing for your business, check out the SBA's Loans and Grants website page. And consider reaching out to your local SCORE Chapter to speak with a mentor who can direct you to lending institutions and organizations in your community.

They can also help guide you as you prepare to approach lenders for funding. Call the local branch at 269-925-6100 or visit www.swmi.score.org to request SCORE help with your business.

Yes, you should snitch on someone who brags that they cheat on their taxes

Michelle Singletary

In my house, ABC's "What Would You Do?" is must-see TV.

It is a hidden-camera show that looks at how people react when presented with certain situations. For example, upon noticing someone is stealing items at an open house, would you seek out the real estate agent and report the thief?

During a recent online discussion, a reader presented a situation that would be perfect for the program.

"I have a co-worker and friend whose money practices drive me insane," the reader wrote. "He spends every penny, and mocks me for being frugal. Now he's telling me all of the sketchy purchases that he deducts on his taxes, claiming they are work expenses. This includes restaurant meals during the workday ('we talked about work!') and clothing bought for a presentation at work. I want to report him to the IRS."

Indeed, IRS Publication 529 explicitly says "lunches with co-workers" is a nondeductible expense.

So, should this person snitch?

OK, the word "snitch" isn't fair, because it insinuates that the informant trying to do the right thing is, in fact, wrong. It's better to characterize the person as a whistleblower.

If you suspect or know of an individual or business that is falsifying exemptions, deductions or, for that matter, not reporting income, you can file IRS Form 3949-A. You can find the form at irs.gov or order it by phone at (800) 829-0433. Although you have the option of writing a letter to the IRS, using the form is usually best, according to IRS spokesman Eric Smith.

"Provide as much information as you can about the person, what you believe they did and how you know what they did," Smith said. "The same is true if the suspected violations involve a business."

Smith said that – although you're not required to do so – it's helpful to provide your name and address. "We keep information about anyone who provides information confidential," he said.

The agency will not share it with the person or business you are reporting.

Americans overwhelmingly say that it is not acceptable to cheat on your taxes (85 percent) and that everyone who cheats should be held accountable (90 percent), according to a 2018 IRS survey.

It's important to note that the co-worker is in fact cheating if he is claiming deductions he knows he's not entitled to take. However, tax rules are complicated and can leave room for interpretation.

In general, taxpayers can deduct 50 percent of the cost of business meals if certain criteria are met. The meals can't be lavish or extravagant and they must occur in the course of conducting business, according to Susan Allen, senior manager for Tax Practice & Ethics for the Association of International Certified Professional Accountants.

"So if you're having a meeting with a potential client, that might meet the threshold," Allen said. "If you're going to lunch with a co-worker and just talking about your workday, that likely would not meet the threshold."

Employees can no longer deduct certain out-of-pocket costs thanks to the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which put an end to a number of unreimbursed job expenses (except for taxpayers who fall under a special category, such as Armed Forces reservists).

Prior to the act's passage, employees could deduct the cost of clothes for work, but only if they were mandatory – such as uniforms or protective clothing like a hardhat or work boots.

If the clothing could have been worn outside of work – like a business suit or dress – you weren't allowed to deduct the expense because it was considered everyday wear.

In this reader's case, there's not enough specific information to file a report. The concerned co-worker couldn't provide a lot of the details asked for on the IRS referral form.

"Unfortunately, many of the tips we receive are not that useful," Smith said. "But good information from people in the know really can make a difference. That's why it's so worthwhile that anyone submitting an informant report be as specific and complete as possible."

If you have concrete evidence about a tax cheat, inform the IRS. Fraud impacts us all. For instance, shoplifters aren't just hurting the bottom line of businesses. When they steal, prices rise for all customers, and that makes the stealing *your* business. The same with tax cheats.

Just as a reminder, every taxpayer signs their tax return under penalties of perjury, points out Miklos Ringbauer, a certified public accountant based in Los Angeles.

You may not have enough information for a whistleblower complaint, but you don't have to stay silent when someone is bragging about sketchy or fraudulent tax deductions.

Tax evasion is unfair to the vast majority of taxpayers who – whether they like it or nor – pay what they owe.

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Ask the Fool

Funds and Taxes

Q Do I have to pay capital gains taxes for stocks my mutual fund sold when the fund paid taxes on them, too? — *D.S., Laramie, Wyoming*

A A mutual fund doesn't pay taxes on capital gains of stocks its managers sold during the year — you do.

Funds are required by law to distribute all income from dividends, interest and capital gains to the fund's shareholders. They generally do so near the end of the year and report such distributions to you (and to the IRS), typically on Form 1099-DIV. You're responsible for reporting such distributions on your tax return and for paying any taxes due on them. It's common to have your distributions reinvested in additional shares of the mutual fund, but that doesn't keep you from having to pay taxes on them.

The rules are different when the mutual fund is held in a tax-deferred account such as an IRA or 401(k). In that case, you'll likely be taxed only when you withdraw money from that account, or — if it's a Roth IRA or Roth 401(k) and you've followed the rules — you won't be taxed on your withdrawals at all. It's smart to keep records of all your mutual fund distributions, share purchases and share sales.

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Q What can I read on the history of the stock market? — *K.W., online*

A Try "Learn to Earn" by Peter Lynch (Simon & Schuster, $17), Peter Bernstein's "Capital Ideas: The Improbable Origins of Modern Wall Street" (Wiley, $20), "Devil Take the Hindmost: A History of Financial Speculation" by Edward Chancellor (Plume, $18) and "A History of the United States in Five Crashes: Stock Market Meltdowns That Defined a Nation" by Scott Nations (William Morrow, $18).

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It's smart to diversify your investments and not have too many eggs in one basket. You can diversify by industry — so, for example, you're not too heavily invested in credit card companies just as some other payment system becomes dominant. Diversifying by market value can keep you from holding only small or huge companies. You can also diversify geographically.

Adding some international holdings to your portfolio is good for diversification. Such companies may also grow faster than many U.S. companies, especially if they're based in fast-growing developing or emerging economies.

But international investing does have some risks. For starters, shareholder rights and protections are stronger in the United States than many other places. The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) offers many warnings at **Investor.gov**. Foreign stock markets may operate differently from those in the U.S., and offer fewer legal recourses to investors. Also, some countries are especially vulnerable to political, social and economic unrest. And currency exchange rates can increase or reduce your returns — a strong U.S. dollar, for example, means revenue earned abroad shrinks when converted back to dollars, which can affect the share price.

So what can you do? One way to make it easier on yourself is simply to invest in a U.S.-based mutual fund focused on international stocks, letting its managers make informed investment decisions. There are even some inexpensive index funds available that track the world's non-U.S. stocks or even the entire global stock market — such as, respectively, the Vanguard FTSE All-World ex-US ETF (VEU) and the Vanguard Total World Stock ETF (VT).

You can also buy into U.S. companies that have extensive global operations. For example, Apple gets about 55% of its revenue outside the Americas, while about half of Johnson & Johnson's revenue comes from outside the U.S. You don't have to leave home to invest internationally.

My Dumbest Investment

A Cryptic Loss

My dumbest investment was in Ethereum. I learned that if it seems too good to be true, and no one seems to understand it, it probably is too good to be true. — *Brian J., online*

The Fool Responds: Super investor Warren Buffett is famous for steering clear of businesses he doesn't understand.

Ethereum is one of many "cryptocurrency" digital investments out there — another is bitcoin — that few people understand. Ethereum is a distributed blockchain network, meaning that it's a platform that can run decentralized applications. If you still don't get it, you're not alone.

So what's wrong with Ethereum? Well, the entire cryptocurrency market is still very young and very volatile. While some people have made good money in it, many others have lost a lot. Ethereum's currency, Ether, was priced below $10 three years ago and topped $1,000 a year later. Recently, though, it was sitting at $131.

It's hard to pin down cryptocurrencies' intrinsic values. Many investors in them are just speculating, buying in the blind hope of hitting a jackpot. It's also unclear yet whether any cryptocurrencies will be good long-term investments, as technologies can change over time and more newcomers enter the market. Many investors worry whether the digital nature of cryptocurrencies makes hacking a higher risk.

Shares of stock in public companies, by contrast, are tied to actual ongoing businesses, which generally have revenue and even profit.

The Motley Fool Take

Calling China Mobile

China Mobile (NYSE: CHL) is the largest state-backed telecommunications company in China, with 946.5 million wireless customers and 187.7 million wireline customers. However, its stock lost ground in 2019 due to several major challenges.

First, the Chinese government forced China Mobile and its peers to lower their wireless fees and eliminate data roaming charges to boost the country's mobile penetration rates. Second, China Mobile is a major component of the Hang Seng Index in Hong Kong, and the yearlong protests rattled most Hong Kong stocks. Lastly, the U.S.-China trade war and economic slowdown in China caused many investors to shun Chinese stocks.

China Mobile's sales growth is expected to be nearly flat, and its earnings to grow by about 2% this year, but it's still a well-run company. The company pays semi-annual dividends of about 40% to 50% of earnings.

China Mobile increased its dividend annually from 2015 to 2018 (excluding a special dividend it paid in 2017), and the dividend's forward-looking yield was recently 4.75%. The stock recently traded at a price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio below 10 — giving it a lower valuation than many of its American counterparts.

China Mobile isn't out of the woods yet, but trade tensions are waning, and 5G upgrades are right around the corner. Those tailwinds could spark a rally next year.

Name That Company

I trace my roots back to the 1971 opening of my first location in Seattle's Pike Place Market. A man who later became my CEO, impressed by Italian espresso bars in 1983, got the idea to build a similar coffeehouse. I served my first caffe latte the next year. By 1988, I offered full health benefits to both full-time and part-time workers. I'm still known for progressive policies. Today, I boast 31,000-plus locations in 80 global markets, and also serve tea, sandwiches and snacks. My name evokes the first mate in Moby Dick. My logo features a siren. Who am I?

Think you know the answer? We'll announce it in next week's edition.

LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER

I may look like a song, but I'm a leading for-profit health insurer. I trace my roots back to the mid-1940s, when two Indiana mutual health insurance companies were founded. I took various forms after that, and in 2004, acquired WellPoint Health Networks. Today, based in Indianapolis, I'm an independent licensee of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association; I serve more than 40 million people through my health plans in California, Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Missouri, Nevada, New Hampshire, New York, Ohio, Virginia and Wisconsin, and millions more through affiliated companies. Who am I? (Answer: Anthem)

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How to have a 'no regrets' retirement

Liz Weston

Most retirees regret not saving more. A 2018 study by Transamerica Center for Retirement Studies found 73 percent wish they'd put aside more money on a consistent basis, and half felt they waited too long to get serious about retirement saving.

But retirement is about more than the balance in your 401(k). Even people with sizable nest eggs can wish they handled certain aspects of retirement differently.

Hoping to learn from others' mistakes, I asked advisers with the Financial Planning Association and the Alliance of Comprehensive Planners to share their clients' biggest regrets about retirement. Thirty-one responded, and their answers revealed some common themes. Among them:

'I wish we had traveled more while we could'

All too often, health issues derail people's travel plans, says certified financial planner Serina Shyu of Atlanta. They don't get around to taking that dream trip, or get to see as many places as they'd hoped. Even homebodies regret missed chances to see loved ones.

"Another version is where the health issue isn't (the retiree's). 'I wish we had gone to see so-and-so,'" says CFP Daniel B. Moisand of Melbourne, Florida. "Sometimes we wait to reconnect with friends or family and that person dies or suffers a stroke or dementia."

Financial planners can help people get clarity about how much money they can safely spend in retirement. CFP Linda Y. Leitz of Colorado Springs, Colorado, says she's been able to reassure several clients so they could get started on their bucket lists.

"As they aged and either had health concerns or just didn't enjoy being away from home as much, they all were really glad that they traveled," Leitz says. "They don't mind cutting back in later years because they had done the things that were important to them, early in retirement, while they could enjoy them."

'I wish I'd had something to retire to'

People can be so tired of working, or sick of their particular job, that they retire at the first opportunity without thinking through how they will spend their time. Many struggle to replace the structure, meaning and purpose their work provided.

"They look back five or six years after they have retired to realize the time has flown by and they have not done anything," says CFP Jonathan P. Bednar of Knoxville, Tennessee.

CFP Jennifer Weber of Lake Success, New York, counsels her clients to think about "how to spend their days with meaning." That could mean a part-time job, consulting gigs, volunteering or spending more time with friends and family, she says.

'I wish I had more friends'

Something else work provides: social contact. People often don't realize how much social interaction their workplace provides, says CFP Patti B. Black of Birmingham, Alabama. Black recommends volunteer groups, clubs and classes as potential sources of new friends.

"People may feel 'out of the loop' in retirement," Black says. "It takes time and effort to find a new tribe."

'I wish we hadn't bought that house'

CFP Kevin M. O'Brien of Northborough, Massachusetts, says some of his clients' retirement home purchases triggered serious buyer's remorse. The clients hadn't spent enough time in the community before buying, and now wish they lived somewhere else.

The cost and stress of changing homes is usually significant. Although moving may be the right choice, no one should buy a retirement home in haste, O'Brien says.

"Retirees should rent in areas they're interested in retiring to before making a major purchase," O'Brien says.

'I wish we'd talked about our expectations for retirement'

It's not uncommon for spouses to have dramatically different visions of retirement. O'Brien has advised couples where one spouse was thrilled to be the grandkids' child care provider while the other longed to travel and be more spontaneous.

"They can't just up and go because they are relied on to watch the grandchildren," O'Brien says.

Different expectations can cause serious ruptures in relationships, and they may be among the reasons why divorce rates for people 55 and older have more than doubled since 1990 even as the overall divorce rate subsides, Black says.

Black urges spouses to discuss how they will spend their time, including how the division of household chores might change and even whether they'll have lunch together every day. As with so many other aspects of marriage, the willingness to talk through disagreements and find compromises is essential, she says.

"Retirement is a major life transition, and you have to be patient with yourself and your spouse," Black says.

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Money&Markets Extra

The Week Ahead

Streaming wars

Netflix serves up its fourth-quarter results Tuesday.

Financial analysts forecast the video streaming pioneer will report that its earnings and revenue increased in the final quarter of 2019. Investors will be listening for an update on Netflix's tally of subscribers as it faces off against a wave of competition from Disney, Apple and other new streaming services.

Price-earnings ratio: **108**
based on past 12-month results

Dividend: **none**

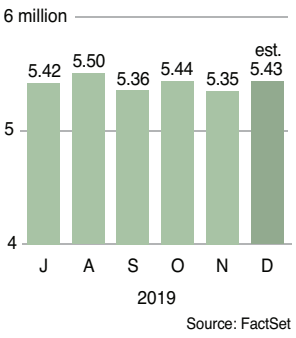
Source: FactSet

Eye on housing

Economists project that sales of previously occupied U.S. homes rose in December from a month earlier.

The National Association of Realtors is expected to report Wednesday that sales accelerated to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.43 million last month. That would represent a rebound after sales slowed in November, dampened by rising prices and a shortage of homes on the market.

Existing home sales
seasonally adjusted annual rate



Source: FactSet

Mixed results

Wall Street expects Southwest Airlines' latest quarterly report card will show mixed results. Analysts predict the company's earnings fell in the last three months of 2019 from a year earlier, even as revenue edged higher. Strong travel demand and rising ticket prices have helped drive revenue for Southwest, but the company's bottom line has taken a hit from costs related to the grounding of its Boeing 737 Max jets.

Amer Elec Power AEP
$98.56 **+4.22 +4.5%**
▲ **4-wk.** +3.9% ▲ **YTD** +4.3%

Ford Motor F
$9.16 **-.09 -1.0%**
▼ **4-wk.** -3.4% ▼ **YTD** -1.5%

Whirlpool WHR
$152.63 **+2.95 +2.0%**
▲ **4-wk.** +3.5% ▲ **YTD** +3.5%

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STOCK	TICKER	52-WK LOW	52-WK HIGH	FRIDAY CLOSE	$CHG 1WK	%CHG 1WK	1MO	1QTR	%CHG YTD	%RTN 1YR	PE	YLD
AT&T Inc	T	28.92	39.70	**38.38**	**-0.19**	-0.5	▼	▼	-1.8	30.5	17	5.4
Amer Elec Power	AEP	75.52	97.53	**98.56**	**4.22**	4.5	▲	▲	4.3	31.8	25	2.8
Apple Inc	AAPL	149.22	317.57	**318.73**	**8.40**	2.7	▲	▲	8.5	105.4	29	1.0
AutoZone Inc	AZO	803.28	1274.41	**1154.58**	**22.36**	2.0	▼	▲	-3.1	36.7	21	...
BP PLC	BP	35.73	45.38	**38.77**	**0.03**	0.1	▲	▲	2.7	2.3	11	6.3
CMS Engy	CMS	50.08	65.51	**65.65**	**2.59**	4.1	▲	▲	4.5	31.9	40	2.5
CocaCola Co	KO	44.42	56.98	**56.94**	**1.41**	2.5	▲	▲	2.9	22.6	35	2.8
Comcast Corp A	CMCSA	34.67	47.27	**47.50**	**2.52**	5.6	▲	▲	5.6	31.5	23	1.8
Deere Co	DE	132.68	180.48	**176.20**	**2.77**	1.6	▲	▲	1.7	12.0	17	1.7
Disney	DIS	107.32	153.41	**144.33**	**-0.29**	-0.2	▼	▲	-0.2	30.7	19	1.2
Dollar Tree Stores	DLTR	88.26	119.71	**91.55**	**0.20**	0.2	▼	▼	-2.7	-5.4	12	...
Exxon Mobil Corp	XOM	66.31	83.49	**68.56**	**-0.58**	-0.8	▼	▲	-1.7	1.2	16	5.1
Fifth Third Bcp	FITB	24.17	31.64	**29.45**	**-0.31**	-1.0	▼	▲	-4.2	17.7	11	3.3
1st Source Corp	SRCE	41.88	53.42	**51.13**	**0.78**	1.5	▼	▲	-1.4	21.8	15	2.3
Ford Motor	F	8.16	10.56	**9.16**	**-0.09**	-1.0	▼	▲	-1.5	10.8	7	6.6
Gen Electric	GE	7.65	12.24	**11.81**	**0.14**	1.2	▲	▲	5.8	41.9	...	0.3
Home Depot	HD	174.53	239.31	**231.91**	**7.69**	3.4	▲	▼	6.2	30.4	23	2.3
Horizon Bcp IN	HBNC	15.21	19.48	**18.57**	**0.08**	0.4	▼	▲	-1.6	14.7	8	2.6
Huntgtn Bancshs	HBAN	12.15	15.63	**14.71**	**0.33**	2.3	▼	▲	-2.5	16.8	14	4.1
IDEX Corp	IEX	130.00	175.70	**175.85**	**4.28**	2.5	▲	▲	2.2	30.1	39	1.1
IBM	IBM	121.54	152.95	**138.31**	**1.62**	1.2	▲	▲	3.2	17.5	14	4.7
JPMorgan Chase	JPM	98.09	141.10	**138.20**	**2.13**	1.6	▲	▲	-0.9	37.8	14	2.3
Johnson & Johnson	JNJ	125.00	148.84	**149.17**	**4.11**	2.8	▲	▲	2.3	16.5	25	2.5
Lowes Cos	LOW	90.23	122.88	**122.36**	**1.36**	1.1	▲	▲	2.2	28.1	27	1.8
McDonalds Corp	MCD	173.41	221.93	**211.98**	**4.71**	2.3	▲	▲	7.3	18.5	32	2.4
Microsoft Corp	MSFT	101.26	166.24	**167.10**	**5.76**	3.6	▲	▲	6.0	57.2	33	1.2
Miller Herman	MLHR	32.71	49.88	**41.13**	**0.97**	2.4	▼	▼	-1.2	25.2	18	2.0
Penney JC Co Inc	JCP	0.53	1.92	**.85**	**-0.16**	-15.9	▼	▼	-24.2	-41.8	...	...
Perrigo Co plc	PRGO	40.68	59.94	**59.02**	**9.31**	18.7	▲	▲	14.2	31.3	29	1.4
Pfizer Inc	PFE	33.97	44.56	**40.51**	**1.02**	2.6	▲	▲	3.4	-1.5	16	3.8
Procter & Gamble	PG	89.08	126.78	**126.41**	**2.44**	2.0	▲	▲	1.2	40.1	29	2.4
Republic Svcs	RSG	75.03	93.59	**93.46**	**2.57**	2.8	▲	▲	4.3	25.7	43	1.7
Steelcase Inc	SCS	14.45	23.02	**19.34**	**0.13**	0.7	▼	▲	-5.5	22.7	17	3.0
Stryker Corp	SYK	160.79	223.45	**212.17**	**2.52**	1.2	▲	▼	1.1	28.8	36	1.0
TCF Financial Corp	TCF	35.96	47.71	**46.07**	**0.68**	1.5	▼	▲	-1.6	11.4	13	3.0
Target Corp	TGT	69.07	130.24	**116.92**	**-7.81**	-6.3	▼	▲	-8.8	75.3	19	2.3
Tractor Supply	TSCO	82.62	114.25	**92.79**	**1.52**	1.7	▲	▼	-0.7	5.5	25	1.5
UPS class B	UPS	92.65	125.31	**118.60**	**2.73**	2.4	▲	▲	1.3	24.8	20	3.2
Verizon Comm	VZ	52.28	62.22	**60.13**	**1.14**	1.9	▼	▼	-2.1	5.9	15	4.1
WEC Energy Group	WEC	69.76	98.19	**96.42**	**3.88**	4.2	▲	▲	4.5	39.5	31	2.6
WalMart Strs	WMT	93.11	125.38	**114.96**	**-1.42**	-1.2	▼	▼	-3.3	22.0	66	1.8
Walgreen Boots Alli	WBA	49.03	74.95	**54.41**	**0.19**	0.4	▼	▼	-7.7	-21.7	10	3.4
Wendys Co	WEN	16.17	22.84	**21.69**	**0.08**	0.3	▼	▲	-2.3	34.2	24	2.2
Whirlpool	WHR	114.00	163.64	**152.63**	**2.95**	2.0	▲	▼	3.5	28.1	...	3.1
Worthington Inds	WOR	33.18	44.69	**40.56**	**0.27**	0.7	▼	▲	-3.8	16.2	16	2.4
XPO Logistics Inc	XPO	45.73	96.20	**94.64**	**16.58**	21.2	▲	▲	18.7	37.3	37	...

Notes on data: Price-earnings ratio unavailable for closed-end funds and companies with net losses over prior four quarters.

StoryStocks

Stocks nudged to all-time highs on Friday. Technology stocks powered much of the market's broad gains, along with communication services companies and banks. Energy sector stocks were the only decliners. A report showing a December surge in new home construction provided the latest encouraging snapshot on the U.S. economy. A solid retail sales report on Thursday revealed consumers are still spending at a healthy pace.

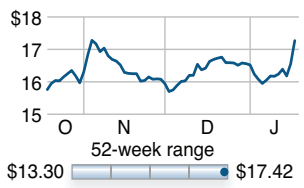
Schlumberger SLB

Close: **$38.37 ▼-0.41 or -1.1%**
The world's largest oilfield services company reported surprisingly good profits and revenue for the fourth quarter.

Vol.: **17.4m (1.6x avg.)** PE: **...**
Mkt. Cap: **$53.1 b** Yield: **5.2%**

First Horizon National FHN

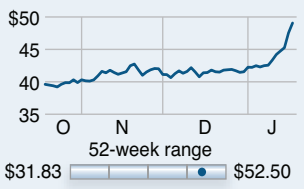
Close: **$17.27 ▲0.71 or 4.3%**
The bank holding company's fourth-quarter profit and revenue beat Wall Street forecasts.



Vol.: **11.3m (3.1x avg.)** PE: **12.5**
Mkt. Cap: **$5.4 b** Yield: **3.2%**

Progress Software PRGS

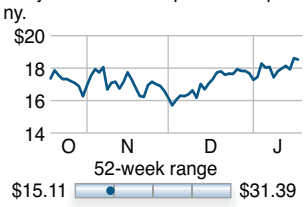
Close: **$49.07 ▲1.52 or 3.2%**
The business software maker's fourth-quarter profits and revenue beat Wall Street forecasts.



Vol.: **2.2m (9.1x avg.)** PE: **84.6**
Mkt. Cap: **$2.2 b** Yield: **1.3%**

The Gap GPS

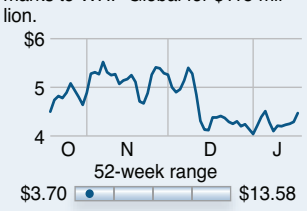
Close: **$18.53 ▼-0.08 or -0.4%**
The clothing and apparel retailer cancelled plans to spin off its Old Navy brand into a separate company.



Vol.: **9.3m (1.5x avg.)** PE: **8.7**
Mkt. Cap: **$6.9 b** Yield: **5.2%**
SOURCE: Sungard

Tailored Brands TLRD

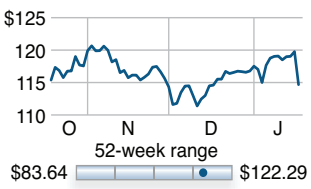
Close: **$4.47 ▲0.18 or 4.2%**
The owner of Men's Wearhouse is selling its Joseph Abboud trademarks to WHP Global for $115 million.



Vol.: **7.6m (3.0x avg.)** PE: **5.4**
Mkt. Cap: **$216.5 m** Yield: **16.1%**

J.B. Hunt Transportation JBHT

Close: **$114.68 ▼-5.08 or -4.2%**
The trucking and logistics company's fourth-quarter profit fell short of Wall Street forecasts.



Vol.: **3.9m (5.1x avg.)** PE: **24.1**
Mkt. Cap: **$12.2 b** Yield: **0.9%**
AP

Company Spotlight

Gap spinoff plan spins out

Gap shares slipped after the clothing retailer scrapped plans to spin off its Old Navy chain into a separate company.

The company, which also operates its namesake and Banana Republic stores, said it would have been too costly and complex to cut Old Navy loose.

Like many mall-based clothing chains, Gap is struggling to turn itself around as shoppers go online or switch to discounters like T.J. Maxx for their clothing. It announced in February 2019 that it planned to split into two publicly traded companies, one for its low-cost Old Navy brand and another for its other brands.

Gap also said Neil Fiske is leaving the company less than two years since he became head of the Gap brand. The company is still looking for a CEO to replace Art Peck, who left in November.

Gap (GPS) Friday's close: **$18.53, -0.08**

52-WEEK RANGE $15 – $31

Price-earnings ratio: **9**
(Based on past 12-month results)

Total return	1-yr	3-yr*	5-yr*
GPS	-23.8%	-4.7	-11.2

Div. yield: 5.2% **Dividend:** $0.97

AP *annualized Source: FactSet

MutualFunds

FUND	NAV	WK CHG	12-MO %RTN
AB			
DiversMunicipal	14.69	+.04	+6.0
GlbBdAdv	8.52	+.01	+7.3
LgCpGrAdv	66.09	+1.41	+33.1
AMG			
Yacktmanl	20.95	+.23	+17.4
Akre			
FocInstl d	47.80	+1.22	+34.9
FocRetail m	46.60	+1.19	+34.6
American Beacon			
SmCpValInstl	24.49	+.52	+13.5
American Century			
EqIncI	9.24	+.12	+21.5
EqIncInv	9.22	+.11	+21.0
GrInv	38.12	+.84	+32.7
UltraInv	54.93	+1.10	+32.1
American Funds			
AMCpA m	34.75	+.66	+23.6
AmrcnBalA m	29.00	+.34	+18.0
AmrcnHiIncA m	10.15	+.05	+9.2
AmrcnMutA m	44.27	+.68	+19.8
BdfAmrcA m	13.14	+.01	+8.5
CptWldGrIncA m	53.45	+.85	+22.7
CptlIncBldrA m	64.13	+.83	+16.1
CptlWldBdA m	20.25	-.01	+7.0
EuroPacGrA m	56.84	+.62	+23.9
FdmtlInvsA m	63.68	+1.04	+24.6
GlbBalA m	34.74	+.30	+15.0
GrfAmrcA m	53.13	+.97	+24.8
HiIncMuniBdA m	16.58	+.04	+9.7
IncAmrcA m	23.60	+.33	+17.6
IntlGrIncA m	36.89	+.43	+24.4
IntrmBdfAmrA m	13.47	...	+4.9
InvCAmrcA m	40.58	+.70	+22.4
NewWldA m	72.57	+1.10	+25.4
NwPrspctvA m	48.86	+.95	+27.5
SmCpWldA m	60.58	+1.29	+26.7
TheNewEcoA m	47.48	+.89	+24.1
TxExBdA m	13.44	+.03	+7.8
WAMtInvsA m	49.22	+.98	+23.5
Angel Oak			
MltStratIncIns	11.05	...	+5.1
Artisan			
IntlInstl	34.08	+.41	+26.9
IntlValueInstl	37.46	+.37	+18.3
Baird			
AggrgateBdInstl	11.27	+.01	+10.0
CorPlusBdInstl	11.62	...	+10.4
IntermBdInstl	11.31	...	+7.4
ShrtTrmBdInstl	9.79	+.01	+4.8
Baron			
EmMktsInstl	15.39	+.34	+17.4
GrInstl	89.38	+1.99	+37.9
BlackRock			
EqDivInstl	21.26	+.33	+23.9
EqDivInvA m	21.18	+.32	+23.6
GlbAllcInclnstl	19.69	+.22	+16.4
GlbAllcInclnvA m	19.56	+.22	+16.1
HYBdInstl	7.80	+.01	+12.1
HYBdK	7.81	+.01	+12.2
LowDurBdInstl	9.65	...	+4.7
NtnlMnInstl	11.25	+.03	+8.2
StrIncOpIns	10.02	+.02	+7.7
StratMuOpIns	11.92	+.05	+7.6
TtlRetInstl	11.99	...	+10.2
Calamos			
MktNetrlInclns	13.41	+.06	+5.9
Causeway			
IntlValInstl	15.66	-.06	+14.0
ClearBridge			
AggresivGrA m	180.47	+3.58	+18.6
ApprecA m	26.98	+.49	+28.6
LgCpGrI	57.11	+1.13	+29.2
Cohen & Steers			
PrfrdScInc,Incl	14.44	+.04	+16.3
RlEsttSecInclns	17.97	+.46	+26.7
Columbia			
DivIncIns	24.91	+.43	+26.1
SlgCmsInfoA m	84.38	+2.47	+54.2
DFA			
EMktCorEql	22.28	+.36	+13.7
EMktSCInstl	21.39	+.48	+13.3
EmMktsInstl	29.86	+.43	+13.7
EmMktsValInstl	28.96	+.43	+6.0
FvYrGlbFIIns	10.75	+.01	+4.0
GlbAllc6040Ins	19.18	+.21	+15.4
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IntlProtSecIns	12.12	...	+8.6
IntlCorEqIns	13.88	+.12	+16.0
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IntlSmCoInstl	18.88	+.12	+17.6
IntlSmCpValIns	19.11	...	+13.1
IntlValInstl	17.67	+.02	+8.9
ItmGovtFIIns	12.87	...	+8.2
LgCpIntlInstl	23.94	+.26	+17.6
OneYearFIInstl	10.31	...	+2.4
RlEsttSecInstl	41.78	+1.03	+23.8
ShTrmExOtyl	10.83	+.01	+4.6
TAUSCorEq2Instl	20.66	+.41	+24.6
TAWexUSCrEqIns	11.32	+.12	+15.3
TMdUSEq	35.80	+.70	+27.8
TMdUSMktwdVl	32.73	+.47	+20.4
TMdUSTrgtedVal	35.74	+.68	+13.1
TwYrGlbFIIns	9.92	+.01	+2.9
USCorEq1Instl	26.58	+.51	+25.6
USCorEqIIInstl	24.24	+.48	+24.2
USLgCo	25.56	+.50	+28.8
USLgCpValInstl	39.03	+.48	+19.1
USMicroCpInstl	21.92	+.49	+12.4
USSmCpInstl	35.53	+.79	+13.6
USSmCpValInstl	34.46	+.54	+7.5
USTrgtedValIns	23.31	+.43	+11.5
USVectorEqInstl	19.85	+.38	+18.6
Davis			
NYVentureA m	30.51	+.19	+25.2
Delaware Inv			
ValInstl	22.73	+.38	+16.8
Dodge & Cox			
Bal	103.48	+.70	+16.8
GlbStk	12.97	+.07	+18.7
Inc	14.12	+.03	+9.9
IntlStk	43.96	+.06	+17.0
Stk	198.66	+1.92	+20.2
DoubleLine			
CorFII	11.14	+.01	+8.3
LowDurBdI	10.04	+.01	+4.5
TtlRetBdI	10.70	+.01	+6.6
TtlRetBdN b	10.69	+.01	+6.3
Eaton Vance			
AtlntCptSMIDCI	38.31	+.61	+31.1
FltngRtInstl	8.89	+.01	+5.4
Edgewood			
GrInstl	40.29	+.67	+31.1
FPA			
Crescent d	34.37	+.27	+15.7
NewInc	10.00	+.01	+4.0
Federated			
InsHYBdIns	9.98	+.02	+11.3
KaufmannR m	6.26	+.12	+30.1
StratValDivIns	5.80	+.09	+18.1
TtlRetBdInstl	11.12	+.01	+9.9
Fidelity			
500IdxInsPrm	115.55	+2.25	+28.9
AsstMgr20%	13.76	+.06	+10.3
AsstMgr50%	18.95	+.17	+16.7
AsstMgr70%	23.20	+.28	+20.3
BCGrowth	114.33	+2.69	+32.6
BCGrowth	15.96	+.39	+32.5
BCGrowthK	114.60	+2.71	+32.7
Balanced	25.29	+.36	+22.5
BalancedK	25.29	+.36	+22.7
Cap&Inc	10.37	+.06	+14.7
CmdtyStrat	4.70	-.05	+1.1
Contrafund	14.39	+.30	+27.9
ContrafundK	14.41	+.31	+28.1
CptlApprec	35.32	+.78	+28.5
DivGro	31.53	+.50	+24.1
DiversIntl	41.43	+.51	+27.7
DiversIntlK	41.34	+.51	+27.9
EmergMktsOpps	21.37	+.29	+26.5
EqDividendInc	26.07	+.41	+21.8
EqIncome	61.63	+.92	+23.4
ExMktIdxInPr	66.97	+1.53	+21.4
Fidelity	53.20	+1.40	+33.6
FltngRtHiInc	9.53	+.01	+6.6
FourinOneIdx	50.12	+.74	+22.3
Frdm 2015	13.05	+.08	+14.6
Frdm 2020	16.45	+.11	+16.0
Frdm 2025	14.55	+.11	+17.1
Frdm 2030	18.15	+.17	+18.9
Frdm 2035	15.41	+.17	+20.9
Frdm 2040	10.83	+.14	+21.8
Frdm 2045	12.31	+.16	+21.7
Frdm 2050	12.39	+.15	+21.7
GNMA	11.55	-.01	+5.7
GlbexUSIdxInsPr	13.63	+.16	+17.9
GlobalexUSIdx	13.41	+.16	+18.0
GroCo	18.83	+.48	+36.3
GroCo	22.63	+.56	+35.0
GroCoK	22.66	+.55	+35.1
Growth&Inc	43.20	+.67	+25.6
HighIncome	8.98	-.01	+10.7
IntlDiscv	46.12	+.44	+25.0
IntlGr	18.06	+.35	+33.5
IntlIdxInstlPrm	43.50	+.45	+18.5
IntlVal	9.96	+.03	+15.5
IntrmMuniInc	10.72	+.03	+7.0
InvmGradeBd	11.63	...	+10.2
InvmGradeBd	8.23	+.01	+10.0
LargeCapValIdx	13.38	+.22	+21.9
LgCpValEnhIdx	13.90	+.24	+19.7
LowPrStk	50.44	+.50	+19.7
LowPrStkK	50.38	+.50	+19.8
Magellan	10.70	+.24	+29.4
MichiganMuniInc	12.57	+.03	+7.6
MidCapStock	36.60	+.81	+20.8
NasdCmpIdx	117.81	+2.58	+33.8
NewMktsInc	15.18	+.06	+8.8
OTCPortfolio	13.50	+.30	+37.4
OTCPortfolioK	13.73	+.31	+37.6
Overseas	52.65	+.65	+25.3
Puritan	23.42	+.34	+20.1
PuritanK	23.40	+.34	+20.2
RealEstInv	45.97	+1.31	+21.2
ShTrmBd	8.70	...	+4.2
SmCpOpps	14.29	+.31	+23.3
StkSelorAllCp	49.46	+.90	+28.4
TaxFreeBond	12.04	+.04	+9.4
TotalBond	10.97	+.01	+9.9
TtlMktIdxInsPrm	93.39	+1.87	+27.6
USBdIdxInsPrm	11.97	...	+9.1
Value	11.19	+.23	+22.1
Fidelity Advisor			
NewInsA m	33.39	+.65	+25.6
NewInsI	34.26	+.67	+25.9
StgInc	12.55	+.03	+9.5
StgIncI	12.55	+.03	+9.5
TotalBondI	10.95	...	+9.8
Fidelity Select			
Biotechnology	22.45	+.34	+22.4
HealthCare	29.37	+.30	+26.1
ITServices	80.29	+2.65	+40.6
MedTech&Devcs	61.89	+.78	+27.2
Semicon	13.02	+.39	+63.2
Swre&ITSvcs	21.12	+.61	+39.8
Technology	21.19	+.59	+54.5
First Eagle			
GlbA m	58.31	+.36	+16.0
Franklin Templeton			
CATxFrIncA1 m	7.74	+.02	+10.3
DynaTechA m	93.97	+1.89	+35.0
FdrTFIncA1 m	12.10	+.03	+7.7
GlbBdA m	10.62	-.04	-1.8
GlbBdAdv	10.57	-.04	-1.6
GlbBdR6	10.57	-.04	-1.4
Gr,IncA m	22.74	+.12	+9.3
GrA m	117.13	+2.42	+30.7
IncA1 m	2.36	+.02	+12.0
IncAdv	2.34	+.02	+12.2
IncC m	2.39	+.01	+11.3
MutGlbDiscvA m	30.99	+.26	+20.2
MutGlbDiscvZ	31.68	+.26	+20.5
MutZ	28.11	+.46	+19.5
RisingDivsA m	71.48	+1.45	+28.5
GE			
RSPUSEq	59.23	+1.10	+29.7
Harbor			
CptlApprecInstl	80.41	+1.89	+31.4
Harding Loevner			
EmMktsAdv d	61.60	+.98	+22.7
IntlEqInstl d	24.34	+.31	+22.0
Hartford			
CptlApprecA m	38.61	+.80	+27.7
MidCpI	32.70	+.74	+26.0
INVESCO			
ComStkA m	25.32	+.36	+17.9
CptlAprcA m	58.20	+1.06	+32.6
DevMktsA m	47.85	+.51	+22.3
DevMktsY	47.10	+.50	+22.6
DiversDivA m	20.96	+.31	+21.5
EqandIncA m	10.44	+.13	+15.7
GlbA m	99.65	+1.46	+28.8
HYMuniA m	10.42	+.04	+11.0
IntlGrY	45.26	+.52	+26.5
MnStrA m	49.71	+.96	+29.0
MnsA m	16.98	+.06	+13.7
Ivy			
SciAndTechA m	75.86	+1.44	+48.6
JPMorgan			
CPBondR6	8.51	+.01	+9.3
CoreBondI	11.91	+.01	+9.3
CoreBondR6	11.92	+.01	+9.3
EqIncI	19.77	+.32	+23.7
HighYieldR6	7.32	+.02	+10.4
LCapGrI	43.05	+.88	+36.4
MCapValL	40.09	+.75	+19.9
Janus Henderson			
BalancedT	37.75	+.53	+22.5
EnterpriseT	145.89	+3.06	+31.7
Jensen			
QualGrI	53.36	+1.15	+29.2
John Hancock			
BdR6	16.22	+.01	+10.6
DiscpValI	21.00	+.28	+18.2
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DiscpValR6	21.03	+.28	+18.3
IntlGrI	30.95	+.54	+27.7
MltMgLsBlA b	14.35	+.15	+16.7
MltmgrLsGr1 b	14.63	+.20	+19.3
Lazard			
EMEqInstl	18.71	+.16	+12.1
GlbLtdInfrsIns	16.30	+.45	+24.2
IntlStratEqIns	15.72	+.13	+18.8
Loomis Sayles			
BdInstl	13.91	+.02	+9.3
GrY	19.16	+.42	+30.4
Lord Abbett			
AffiliatedA m	15.94	+.28	+20.4
BdDebA m	8.20	+.03	+12.0
BdDebF b	8.19	+.03	+12.2
ShrtDurIncA m	4.22	...	+5.4
ShrtDurIncC m	4.24	...	+4.7
ShrtDurIncF b	4.21	...	+5.2
ShrtDurIncI	4.21	...	+5.3
MFS			
GrA m	125.55	+3.09	+36.4
GrI	134.23	+3.31	+36.8
InstlIntlEq	28.45	+.40	+26.5
MAInvsGrStkA m	34.29	+.92	+40.0
MAInvsTrustA m	33.94	+.78	+29.5
TtlRetA m	20.31	+.24	+18.2
ValA m	45.33	+.85	+25.9
ValI	45.60	+.86	+26.2
Mairs & Power			
GrInv	130.47	+2.38	+26.3
MassMutual			
SelectMdCpGrI	24.46	+.50	+28.5
Metropolitan West			
TtlRetBdI	10.98	...	+9.4
TtlRetBdM b	10.98	-.01	+9.2
TtlRetBdPlan	10.33	...	+9.6
Neuberger Berman			
GenesisR6	60.22	+1.30	+24.9
Northern			
IntlEqIdx d	12.89	+.15	+18.4
StkIdx	38.23	+.74	+28.7
Nuveen			
HYMuniBdA m	18.24	+.09	+13.3
HYMuniBdI	18.25	+.10	+13.6
IntermDrMnBdI	9.58	+.03	+7.7
LtdTrmMnBdI	11.25	+.03	+5.5
Oakmark			
EqAndIncInv	29.71	+.36	+14.1
IntlInv	24.80	-.13	+16.5
Inv	81.93	+1.13	+19.2
Old Westbury			
GlbSmMdCpStrat	15.85	+.26	+19.5
LgCpStrats	15.51	+.24	+22.9
Osterweis			
StrInc	10.91	+.04	+4.0
PGIM Investments			
HighYieldZ	5.60	...	+12.8
TtlRetBdA m	14.53	...	+11.2
TtlRetBdZ	14.48	...	+11.5
PIMCO			
AllAstInstl	11.97	+.07	+10.5
HYInstl	9.07	+.01	+11.5
IBdUSDHI	10.74	+.02	+6.9
IncA m	12.09	+.01	+7.5
IncC m	12.09	+.01	+6.7
Incl2	12.09	+.01	+7.8
IncInstl	12.09	+.01	+7.9
InvtGrdCdtBdI	11.01	+.01	+14.8
InvtGrdCdtBdI-2	11.01	+.01	+14.7
LowDrInstl	9.80	-.01	+4.2
MortgOpps&Bdl	10.87	+.02	+5.3
RlRetInstl	11.30	-.01	+8.6
ShrtTrmIns	9.76	+.01	+2.6
TtlRetA m	10.39	-.01	+8.3
TtlRetIns	10.39	-.01	+8.6
PRIMECAP Odyssey			
AgrsGr	46.92	+.82	+18.9
Gr	42.36	+.75	+20.0
Stk	35.33	+.69	+23.7
Parnassus			
CorEqInv	48.45	+1.01	+30.3
Pioneer			
A m	30.39	+.53	+29.5
Principal			
LCpSP500IdxIs	20.26	+.39	+28.6
Putnam			
EqIncA m	26.90

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ADVERTISERS SWIPE RIGHT
Dating apps are revealing users' personal information to some unwanted suitors, according to a Norwegian consumer group. Grindr, OkCupid and Tinder leak personal information to advertising tech companies in possible violation of European data privacy laws, according to The Norwegian Consumer Council. It found that the apps sent user data to at least 135 different third-party services involved in advertising or behavioral profiling. "The situation is completely out of control," the council said, urging European regulators to enforce the continent's strict General Data Privacy Regulation, or GDPR. It said the majority of the apps did not present users with legally-compliant consent mechanisms.

AMERICANS DRINK UP
Americans are drinking more as 2020 kicks off than they have in 100 years. That's the picture painted by federal health statistics, which show that alcohol consumption has been rising for two decades and is now greater than just before the government enacted Prohibition. In the late 1910s, just before Congress banned the sale and manufacture of alcoholic beverages, each American teen and adult was downing just under 2 gallons of alcohol a year on average. These days it's about 2.3 gallons. That works out to nearly 500 drinks, or about nine per week.

NICE RENTAL....COUCH?
Furniture and home decor rental is on the rise for young and increasingly mobile people who don't want to deal with hauling their stuff on frequent moves. Feather, Fernish and other companies aim to rent furniture to millennials who don't want to commit to big purchases or move heavy furniture and are willing to pay for the convenience. "They're moving a lot. They're changing jobs a lot," says Thomas Robertson, a marketing professor at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, describing the types of people who would use the services. "Why would you want to be saddled with furniture?"

AP

Quotable

"I think it's fine if they want to protest but they shouldn't block the plans of the people who have flown over here to see an exhibition of Leonardo."

— **Ben Garrett** of Dallas, Texas. Paris' Louvre museum was closed Friday as dozens of protesters blocked the entrance to denounce the French government's plans to overhaul the pension system.

China's pork crisis

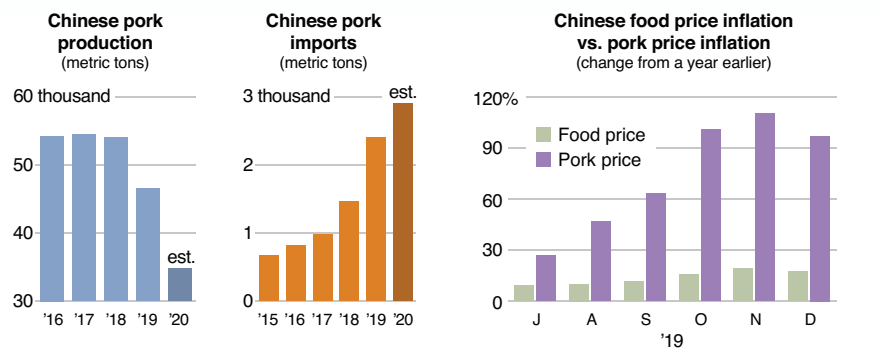
China is scrambling to rebuild pork production following a disease outbreak that caused prices of its staple meat to soar. But more shortages are forecast this year, increasing pressure on communist leaders as they fight a tariff war with Washington.

China's pig population fell by 40% last year as officials destroyed animals and blocked shipments to stop the spread of African swine fever, first detected in August 2018.

Pork prices rose 97% in December over a year earlier despite higher imports and the release of supplies from government stockpiles.

That pushed up food costs 17%, a painful blow in a society where the poorest families spend up to half their incomes on food. Overall inflation stood at a seven-year high of 4.5%, well above the ruling Communist Party's 3% target.

A government plan issued last month promises pig farmers subsidies and other help to rebuild herds. After a year-long decline, the number of breeding sows bottomed out in November and rose 2%. But officials say normal output won't be restored until 2021.



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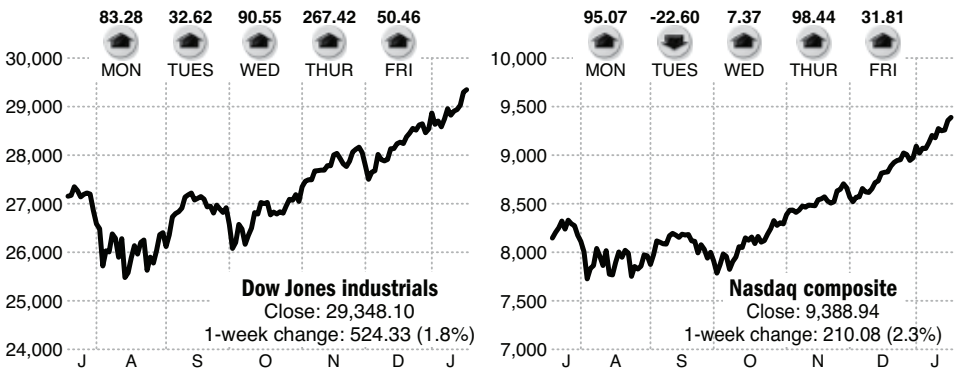


WEEKLY PERFORMANCE

52-WEEK HIGH	52-WEEK LOW	INDEX	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	MO	QTR	YTD %CHG	1YR %CHG
29373.62	23765.24	Dow Jones industrial average	29373.62	28819.43	29348.10	+524.33	+1.8	▲	▲	+2.8	+18.8
11359.49	9507.67	Dow Jones transportation	11359.49	10974.43	11278.85	+304.97	+2.8	▲	▲	+3.5	+12.7
908.98	688.44	Dow Jones utilities	908.98	873.73	908.30	+34.20	+3.9	▲	▲	+3.3	+28.5
14183.26	11745.58	NYSE Comp.	14183.26	13963.87	14183.20	+225.23	+1.6	▲	▲	+1.9	+16.7
5914.74	5085.15	NYSE International	5914.74	5857.63	5914.04	+56.41	+1.0	▲	▲	+1.4	+13.1
9176.47	6512.64	Nasdaq 100	9176.47	8991.35	9173.73	+207.10	+2.3	▲	▲	+5.1	+35.2
9393.48	6887.48	Nasdaq Comp.	9393.48	9193.06	9388.94	+210.08	+2.3	▲	▲	+4.6	+31.2
3329.88	2570.41	S&P 500	3329.88	3268.43	3329.62	+64.27	+2.0	▲	▲	+3.1	+24.7
2106.30	1748.55	S&P MidCap	2106.30	2050.00	2095.55	+44.18	+2.2	▲	▲	+1.6	+15.3
33918.32	26591.04	Wilshire 5000	33918.32	33237.16	33917.38	+680.23	+2.1	▲	▲	+3.1	+22.8
1715.08	1431.31	Russell 2000	1715.08	1652.32	1699.64	+41.99	+2.5	▲	▲	+1.9	+14.7
424.90	345.86	Dow Jones Stoxx 600	424.90	415.61	424.56	+5.42	+1.3	▲	▲	+2.1	+18.9
7727.49	6734.00	FTSE 100	7689.67	7582.51	7674.56	+86.71	+1.1	▲	▲	+1.8	+10.1

Weekly Gainers ($2 or more)

STOCK	LAST	WK CHG	WK %CHG
Adaptim	4.52	+3.19	+239.8
NantKwst	7.35	+3.79	+106.5
Cemtrex rs	2.02	+.88	+77.2
PeckCo h	5.26	+2.14	+68.3
RaptTher n	47.39	+19.21	+68.2
RTI Surg	4.41	+1.78	+67.7
AethMd hrs	2.06	+.82	+66.0
Mallinckdt	5.20	+2.03	+64.0
Momenta	30.60	+11.64	+61.4
OrganigH	3.26	+1.24	+61.4

Weekly Losers ($2 or more)

STOCK	LAST	WK CHG	WK %CHG
StageStrs	3.55	-3.77	-51.5
EloxxPh	4.47	-3.11	-41.0
AquestTh	4.10	-2.51	-38.0
CountrP	2.64	-1.28	-32.7
StemlineTh	7.03	-2.78	-28.3
PrecBio n	10.68	-4.02	-27.3
Tillys	8.56	-3.12	-26.7
Salarius rs	2.88	-.90	-23.8
Air Inds	2.15	-.65	-23.2
MySize rs	2.97	-.86	-22.4

Weekly Actives ($1 or more)

STOCK	VOL (00s)	LAST	WK CHG
BkofAm	2888040	34.71	-.03
AuroraC	2875866	2.13	+.48
GenElec	2466862	11.81	+.14
FordM	2382221	9.16	-.09
AMD	2332848	50.93	+2.77
WellsFargo	1969869	49.18	-3.32
Apple Inc	1819974	318.73	+8.40
Microsoft	1531471	167.10	+5.76
AT&T Inc	1495888	38.38	-.19
SnapInc A	1448190	19.11	+1.70

PCs spike as Win 7 dies

The end of Windows 7 may be frustrating for individuals and businesses still using it, but it has brought good fortune to PC makers.

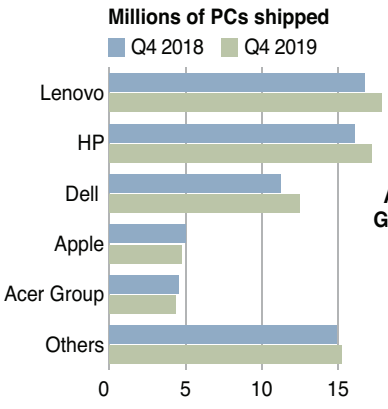
Global shipments of PCs, including desktops and laptops, jumped 2.7% in 2019 — the first time annual sales of traditional computers have grown since 2011, according to the research group IDC. Sales began slumping nearly a decade ago as mobile phones became ubiquitous.

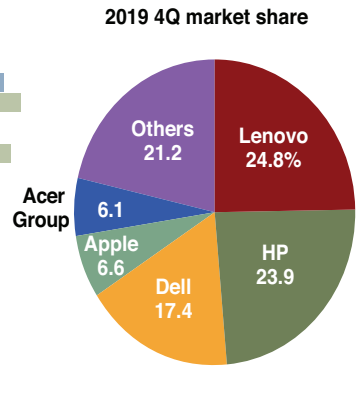
A large part of the PC increase, analysts say, is due to businesses finally updating their fleets of computers to newer models as Microsoft ends support for the once-popular Windows 7 operating system. Microsoft stopped issuing free security updates for Windows 7 on Jan. 14, and some Windows 7 PCs are too old to get Windows 10.

"We expect this growth to continue through this year even after Windows 7 support comes to an end this month, as many businesses in emerging regions such as China, Eurasia and the emerging Asia/Pacific have not yet upgraded," Gartner analyst Mikako Kitagawa said in a statement.

Research from both Gartner and IDC shows Lenovo in the lead for shipments during the last three months of 2019, followed by HP, Dell, Apple.

PC sales up: Businesses are buying computers after years of using older equipment running Windows 7. Microsoft ended free support for the system this month.





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InterestRates

Money market mutual funds	YIELD	MIN INVEST	PHONE
Taxable—national avg	1.11		
Fidelity Inv Money Market/Instit	1.75	$10 mil.	(800) 544-6666
Tax-exempt—national avg	0.49		
Federated Muni Oblig Fund/Wealth	0.90	500K	(800) 341-7400

U.S. BOND INDEXES	FRIDAY YIELD	CHANGE 1WK	CHANGE 1MO	CHANGE 3MO	CHANGE 1YR	52-WEEK HIGH	52-WEEK LOW
Broad market Lehman	2.24	-0.05	▼	▼	-1.05	3.33	2.06
Triple-A corporate Moody's	2.99	-0.05	▼	▼	-1.01	4.00	2.81
Corp. Inv. Grade Lehman	2.78	-0.05	▼	▼	-1.38	4.17	2.66
U.S. high yield Barclays	5.86	0.01	▼	▲	-1.26	7.27	5.43
Global Aggregate Barclays	1.42	-0.03	▼	▲	-0.61	2.05	1.17
Treasury 10-Yr. TIPS	0.08	0.01	▼	▼	-0.84	0.94	0.00

TREASURYS	FRIDAY YIELD	CHANGE 1WK	CHANGE 1MO	CHANGE 3MO	CHANGE 1YR	52-WEEK HIGH	52-WEEK LOW
3-month T-Bill	1.55	0.02	▼	▼	-0.85	2.45	1.51
6-month T-Bill	1.56	0.02	▼	▼	-0.93	2.53	1.53
52-week T-Bill	1.54	0.03	▲	▼	-1.02	2.59	1.50
2-year T-Note	1.55	-0.01	▼	▼	-1.01	2.61	1.37
5-year T-Note	1.63	0.00	▼	▲	-0.94	2.61	1.32
10-year T-Note	1.83	0.01	▼	▲	-0.91	2.78	1.46
30-year T-Bond	2.29	0.01	▼	▲	-0.78	3.12	1.94

Money fund data provided by iMoneyNet Inc.

Foreign Exchange

The dollar rose against the euro, British pound and the Japanese yen. The dollar also rose against the Canadian dollar but fell against the Mexican peso.

MAJORS	CLOSE	CH.	%CH.	6MO.	1YR.
USD per British Pound	1.3017	-.0051	-.39%	1.2438	1.2989
Canadian Dollar	1.3064	+.0016	+.12%	1.3042	1.3270
USD per Euro	1.1093	-.0042	-.38%	1.1223	1.1390
Japanese Yen	110.14	+.01	+.01%	108.10	109.23
Mexican Peso	18.6986	-.0995	-.53%	19.0531	18.9690
EUROPE/AFRICA/MIDDLE EAST					
Israeli Shekel	3.4546	-.0002	-.01%	3.5417	3.6932
Norwegian Krone	8.9061	+.0154	+.17%	8.5827	8.5442
South African Rand	14.4427	+.0222	+.15%	14.0006	13.7051
Swedish Krona	9.5122	+.0168	+.18%	9.3647	9.0151
Swiss Franc	.9678	+.0031	+.32%	.9871	.9936
ASIA/PACIFIC					
Australian Dollar	1.4545	+.0039	+.27%	1.4252	1.3888
Chinese Yuan	6.8597	-.0191	-.28%	6.8738	6.7762
Hong Kong Dollar	7.7672	-.0049	-.06%	7.8143	7.8431
Indian Rupee	71.053	+.055	+.08%	68.847	71.010
Singapore Dollar	1.3471	-.0002	-.01%	1.3607	1.3551
South Korean Won	1161.24	-.27	-.02%	1179.93	1121.64
Taiwan Dollar	29.96	+.03	+.10%	31.07	30.85

Commodities

Energy prices were mostly flat, with crude oil barely rising, and small losses in heating oil and wholesale gasoline. Gold and silver prices rose.

FUELS	CLOSE	PVS.	%CH.	%YTD
Crude Oil (bbl)	58.54	58.52	+0.03	-4.1
Ethanol (gal)	1.35	1.30	+3.85	-1.9
Heating Oil (gal)	1.86	1.86	-0.04	-8.3
Natural Gas (mm btu)	2.00	2.08	-3.56	-8.5
Unleaded Gas (gal)	1.64	1.65	-0.86	-2.9
METALS	**CLOSE**	**PVS.**	**%CH.**	**%YTD**
Gold (oz)	1558.80	1549.00	+0.63	+2.6
Silver (oz)	18.01	17.88	+0.77	+1.0
Platinum (oz)	1019.40	995.70	+2.38	+4.9
Copper (lb)	2.85	2.85	-0.09	+2.0
AGRICULTURE	**CLOSE**	**PVS.**	**%CH.**	**%YTD**
Cattle (lb)	1.26	1.26	+0.18	+1.3
Coffee (lb)	1.14	1.15	-0.69	-11.8
Corn (bu)	3.89	3.76	+3.66	+0.4
Cotton (lb)	0.71	0.70	+1.47	+3.2
Lumber (1,000 bd ft)	429.10	430.20	+0.07	+5.8
Orange Juice (lb)	0.95	0.96	-0.63	-2.2
Soybeans (bu)	9.30	9.24	+0.62	-1.4
Wheat (bu)	5.71	5.65	+0.93	+2.1

(Previous and change figures reflect current contract.)

Best Stocks One Month

BEST LARGE-CAP STOCKS

COMPANY	TICKER	FRIDAY CLOSE	%CHG 1WK	%CHG 1MO	%RTN 1YR	PE	YLD
Luckin Coffee Inc	LK	50.02	15.5	**55.4**	0.0	...	...
Apache Corp	APA	32.67	0.9	**44.4**	8.8	21	3.1
Tesla Inc	TSLA	510.50	6.8	**25.9**	50.5	dd	...
Canopy Growth Corp	CGC	24.89	21.2	**24.2**	-40.9	...	...
Snap Inc A	SNAP	19.11	9.8	**22.9**	178.1	dd	...
XPO Logistics Inc	XPO	94.64	21.2	**20.4**	37.3	37	...
Twilio Inc	TWLO	119.36	3.1	**19.1**	19.3	...	...
Occid Petl	OXY	45.83	-0.2	**17.5**	-23.1	35	6.9
Aspen Technology	AZPN	141.70	2.6	**17.2**	57.8	35	...
Shopify Inc	SHOP	454.88	6.0	**16.6**	186.1	dd	...
Adv Micro Dev	AMD	50.93	5.7	**15.4**	138.2	cc	...
Uber Technologies	UBER	35.13	3.3	**15.4**	0.0	...	...
Albemarle Corp	ALB	80.90	12.2	**15.0**	10.8	13	1.8
Nokia Corp	NOK	4.14	3.0	**14.7**	-31.0	...	4.6
NetEase Inc	NTES	349.82	3.2	**14.6**	43.9	51	1.8

BEST MID-CAP STOCKS

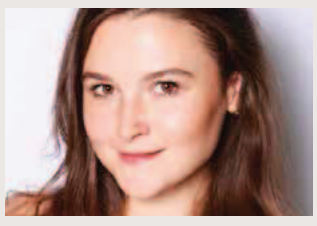
COMPANY	TICKER	FRIDAY CLOSE	%CHG 1WK	%CHG 1MO	%RTN 1YR	PE	YLD
Intra-Cellular Thea	ITCI	26.25	1.4	**111.0**	98.9	dd	...
Ballard Power Syst	BLDP	12.04	32.7	**77.3**	226.4	dd	...
RAPT Therapeutics	RAPT	47.39	68.2	**72.8**	0.0	...	...
Momenta Pharm	MNTA	30.60	61.4	**59.2**	161.1	dd	...
SmileDirectClub Inc	SDC	12.90	39.9	**59.2**	0.0	...	...
GSX Techedu Inc	GSX	32.91	22.6	**57.2**	0.0	...	...
21Vianet Group	VNET	10.77	20.5	**55.0**	8.5	37	...
Virgin Galactic un	SPCE/U	17.29	22.2	**48.3**	69.4	...	...
Signet Jewelers	SIG	29.52	51.4	**45.8**	-32.1	dd	5.0
Virgin Galactic Hldg	SPCE	15.64	21.9	**45.2**	48.0	...	...
Beyond Meat Inc	BYND	109.12	13.6	**42.0**	0.0	dd	...
Plug Power Inc	PLUG	4.17	0.7	**41.8**	202.2	dd	...
IRhythm Technologies	IRTC	84.99	13.0	**39.3**	1.0	dd	...
Revance Therapeutics	RVNC	22.47	15.2	**38.4**	13.4	dd	...
Ultragenyx Pharm	RARE	59.96	11.1	**38.0**	19.1	39	...

BEST SMALL-CAP STOCKS

COMPANY	TICKER	FRIDAY CLOSE	%CHG 1WK	%CHG 1MO	%RTN 1YR	PE	YLD
Pain Therapeutics	SAVA	8.25	1.2	**266.7**	675.2	dd	...
Pintec Technology	PT	2.96	35.8	**252.4**	-78.8	...	...
Adaptimmune Therap	ADAP	4.52	239.8	**245.0**	-16.2	...	...
FuelCell Energy	FCEL	2.40	8.1	**207.3**	-67.5	...	...
ContraFect Corp	CFRX	1.04	-1.0	**163.3**	122.4	...	...
ArTara Therapeutics	TARA	28.00	-6.7	**150.0**	0.0	dd	...
Savara Inc	SVRA	3.75	8.4	**135.8**	-49.9	dd	...
Tarena Intl Inc	TEDU	2.82	10.2	**125.6**	-66.1	dd	9.9
Bellicum Pharma	BLCM	2.29	38.0	**124.5**	-49.1	dd	...
NantKwest Inc	NK	7.35	106.5	**123.4**	289.7	...	...
Applied Genetic Tech	AGTC	8.16	4.1	**112.5**	160.2	dd	...
Liquidia Tech	LQDA	6.42	41.7	**107.1**	-63.3	dd	...
Nautilus Inc	NLS	3.53	9.6	**102.9**	-66.1	5	...
Origin Agritech Ltd	SEED	9.38	-8.4	**101.1**	48.7	...	...
BioXcel Therapeut	BTAI	16.67	17.1	**100.6**	201.1	dd	...

InsiderQ&A

How Zyper matches brands & fans



Amber Atherton
Founder and CEO
Zyper

When Amber Atherton hit celebrity status as the star of British reality TV show "Made in Chelsea" in 2012, companies making everything from cream cheese to leggings wanted to pay her big bucks to promote their products.

That happened despite the fact that she didn't even use most of the stuff.

That experience ended up being a teaching moment for Atherton, now 28, who formed a software company called Zyper in 2017. It connects brands like Kellogg, Nestle and cosmetics maker Rituals with "super fans" — everyday customers who have a strong affinity toward the brand, instead of paid professional influencers.

Zyper identifies the top 1% of a label's fans by analyzing data from public social media. Brands can then chat with those fans and can recruit these fans to serve as their ambassadors on social sites in exchange for new products and access to events. So far, Zyper has raised $8 million in financial backing.

Atherton's message comes as the influencer economy has been increasingly fraught with influencers inflating their own followers or not even using the products they endorse. Influencer deception cost advertisers an estimated $1.3 billion last year, says University of Baltimore's Roberto Cavazos.

Atherton talks with The Associated Press about why there's distrust and how brands are starting to look at niche-based communities to find their fans.

How does Zyper technology work?
Most brands know who their top customers are and their top influencer customers but almost none of them know who their top fans are — everyday fans of the brand who have influence on a peer-to-peer level. Zyper uses a combination of computer vision and natural language processing to identify very granular indicators of influence. We have never looked at how many followers somebody has.

Then what?
Once we have identified the top 1%, we reach out to consumers and invite them to join the brands or an interest-based community, which is hosted on our software. This might be a dark community — a chat-based focus group with the brand or a public one where fans co-create content and amplify content with the brand.

Describe the influencer market right now.
I started to see it go sour in 2017. You can buy 10,000 followers in 10 minutes and use any free editing app to easily create great content. Anyone can be a billboard and anyone is willing to make some easy money by posting a photo of toothpaste or leggings. But brands are waking up to the fact that what looked like a quick fix to ever rising Facebook acquisition costs is really just a sham that generates zero return on investment.

What do you see as influencers' future?
The future for influencers is going to be tough. Brands are getting savvier and demanding real return on investment.

Interviewed by Anne D'Innocenzio. Edited for clarity and length.

AP

U.S. agency examining Tesla unintended acceleration complaint

By TOM KRISHER
AP Auto Writer

DETROIT — The U.S. government's auto safety agency is looking into allegations that all three of Tesla's electric vehicle models can suddenly accelerate on their own.

An unidentified person petitioned the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration asking for an investigation into the problem. An agency document shows 127 owner complaints to the government that include 110 crashes and 52 injuries.

The agency said it will look into allegations that cover about 500,000 Tesla vehicles including Model 3, Model S and Model X vehicles from the 2013 through 2019 model years. The agency's investigations office will evaluate the petition and decide if it should open a formal probe.

Messages were left Friday seeking comment from Tesla.

NHTSA is already investigating three December crashes involving Tesla vehicles in which three people were killed. The agency's special crash investigations unit sent teams to Gardena, California, and near Terre Haute, Indiana, to probe two fatal crashes. Another crash in Connecticut also is under investigation.

Frank Borris, a former head of safety defect investigations for NHTSA, said the number of complaints cited in the petition is unusual and warrants further investigation.

"The sheer number of complaints would certainly catch my eye," said Borris, who now runs an auto safety consulting business.

Tesla owners communicate with other owners on Internet forums and social media, and that could influence the number of complaints, he said.

He said the timing of the petition is good, because the agency needs to do a "deeper dive" into Tesla safety.

Some of the unintended acceleration complaints, which have yet to be verified by NHTSA, allege that the cars' electronics malfunctioned.

For instance, one owner in San Clemente, California, told NHTSA that in November of 2018, a Model X SUV accelerated on its own to full power during a U-Turn on a city street. The driver had a foot on the brake, but the SUV accelerated in a fraction of a second, according to the complaint. The driver alleged that something in Tesla's system "triggered the sudden spontaneously full acceleration, resulting in this collision."

The SUV hit a parked vehicle, the air bags inflated and the owner had a large abdominal bruise and several small chest bruises, according to the complaint. People who file complaints with NHTSA are not identified in the agency's database.

The driver asked NHTSA to find out whether the Tesla complaints had common elements, including parking or making turns at low speeds.

In another crash, in May of 2013, the owner of a Model S sedan in Thousand Oaks, California, complained that while pulling into a parking spot, the car suddenly accelerated on its own.

The Model S went over a parking block and a curb and struck a cement light post. The air bags inflated, but no one was hurt, the complaint said.

Three weeks after the crash, the owner got a letter from Tesla saying that the accelerator was depressed to 48 percent just before the crash and 98 percent at the time of impact. The owner still believes the car accelerated by itself, the complaint stated.

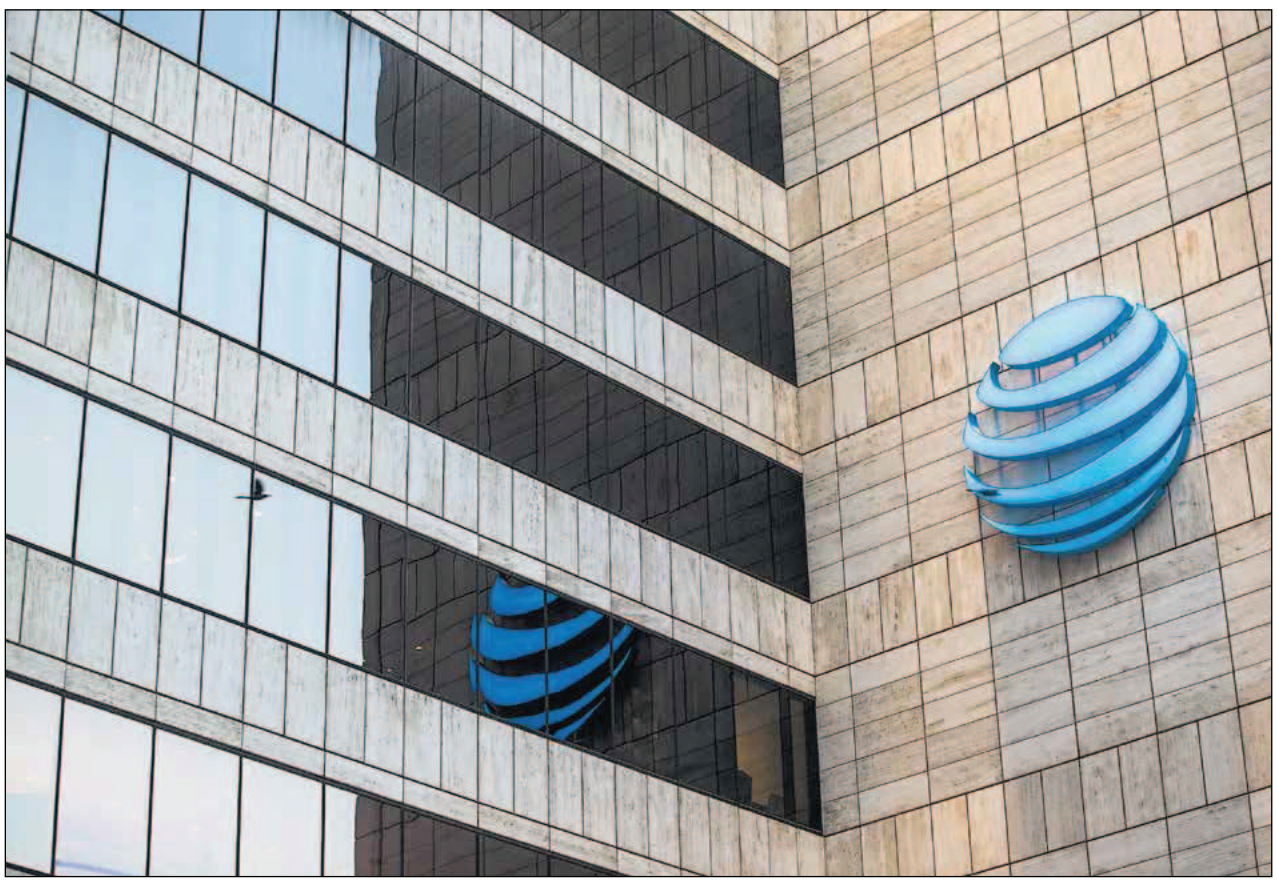
Anyone can petition NHTSA to investigate an auto safety problem, and the agency said in a statement Friday that it encourages people to report concerns.

In the other Tesla crashes that NHTSA is investigating, authorities are trying to determine whether the cars were operating on Autopilot, a system designed to keep a car in its lane and a safe distance from other vehicles. Autopilot also can change lanes on its own.

Separately, the National Transportation Safety Board will hold a hearing Feb. 25 on a fatal crash in Mountain View, California, involving a Tesla that was operating on the company's Autopilot driver assist system.

Tesla has said repeatedly that its Autopilot system is designed only to assist drivers, who must still pay attention and be ready to intervene at all times. The company contends that Teslas with Autopilot are safer than vehicles without it, but cautions that the system does not prevent all crashes.

NHTSA's crash program has inspected 23 crashes involving vehicles that the agency believed were operating on some form of partially automated advanced driver assist system. Fourteen of these cases involved Tesla models. The team investigates more than 100 crashes per year.



Carly Geraci / The Dallas Morning News / TNS

Executives at AT&T, whose headquarters is in downtown Dallas, helped push for corporate tax cuts in 2017 and were among the companies handing out $1,000 bonuses to employees.

TAX CUT

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business investment, which would stoke more competition and bump up pay.

But business investment has been slowing since early 2018. And Hanlon said he believes that explains the deceleration in wages.

In Friday's jobs report from the BLS, which involves a different survey than the one used for tracking bonuses, average hourly earnings for all employees rose 2.9 percent. A year ago, the same metric rose 4.1 percent.

Some sectors have increased pay at a faster clip, including oil and gas, manufacturing, and professional and business services. And bonuses remain a key part of compensation for many workers.

More manufacturers are offering bonuses to lure workers to their town because demand for certain skills far exceeds the supply, The Wall Street Journal reported. Companies are especially eager to entice welders, engineers and machine programmers.

Recruiters said it is all about the war for talent and the shortage of skilled labor. The tax cuts of 2017 weren't mentioned in the story.

Two years ago, when tax-cut bonuses were all the rage, former Treasury Secretary Larry Summers called them "a gimmick."

Companies had to pay more because of the tight labor market and bonuses were a way to do it without locking in higher costs, he said. They also could curry favor with the president at the same time.

"Look, the corporate tax cuts are going to be forever," Summers told CNBC. "If the firms really believe this had to do with corporate tax cuts, why aren't they committing to bonuses forever?"

The Louvre museum closed amid strikes over pension plans

BY The Associated Press

PARIS — Paris' Louvre museum was closed Friday as dozens of protesters blocked the entrance to denounce the French government's plans to overhaul the pension system.

Also closed, therefore, was the Louvre's Leonardo Da Vinci exhibit marking the 500th anniversary of the Italian master's death, the museum said.

Several dozen protesters, including some Louvre employees, staged the demonstration after an appeal from several hard-left trade unions against President Emmanuel Macron's planned changes to the retirement system, which they said will "lower everyone's pensions."

Some protesters were singing "Mona Lisa in on strike, Leonardo is on strike."

It is the first time since the protest movement began on Dec. 5 that the Louvre and the Leonardo exhibit were fully closed. About 30,000 people visit the museum every day.

Some videos on social media showed angry visitors booing at protesters to express their disappointment.

Some of those shut out were upset, while a few of those interviewed expressed solidarity with the strikers.

"I think it's fine if they want to protest but they shouldn't block the plans of the people who have flown over here to see an exhibition of Leonardo," said Ben Garrett of Dallas, Texas.

Gerhard Jehle of Germany, who had bought his ticket in advance, shared that view, and said he was "badly informed about the extent of the strike."

"I don't understand how this happens," Jehle said. "Public transport doesn't function. The unions have to be controlled with an iron hand."

The weeks of strikes and protests have hobbled public transportation and disrupted schools, hospitals, courthouses and even opera houses and the Eiffel tower.

Argentinian Marcelo Campano, who also had a ticket, said that he understands workers' bid to confront a government they perceive as "neoliberal ... So we'll show our solidarity and come back another day."

Major French retailers Fnac Darty and Casino said that business in France was badly affected by the strikes, especially during the holiday season.

Fnac Darty said the strikes cost it around $78 million in lost revenue.

Casino cut its forecast for earnings growth in France, where it does more than half its business, to 5 percent in 2019, from a previous 10 percent. The company estimates that the strikes in December cost it about 80 million euros in lost revenue.

TRAINS

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colliding, derailing because of excessive speed, entering track under maintenance or traveling the wrong direction because of switching mistakes.

"Technology, in the form of positive train control, does a lot of the work – virtually all of the work – that a conductor does sitting in the cab," said Union Pacific CEO Lance Fritz.

For that reason, the industry says there is no need for more than one crew member to operate a train – a key issue in contract talks with railroad unions that began in November and could go on for years. Railroads tried unsuccessfully to reduce crew size in previous contract talks.

"I'm 100 percent confident that we would not go down this path if we weren't certain that fewer people in the cab of the locomotive had no impact on safety," Fritz said.

Labor groups, however, argue that conductors provide a crucial safety backup in the cab as a second set of eyes to help monitor conditions and the train, and the automatic braking system isn't perfect.

"Positive train control only keeps trains from wrecking in certain circumstances. There is still a need for a second man in the crew," said Ron Kaminkow, an Amtrak engineer who serves as general secretary of the labor advocacy group Railroad Workers United.

During a cross-country rail journey, the engineer is at the train's controls, calling out signals and taking directives from dispatchers. All of that is built into positive train control, according to Fritz.

But Kaminkow, who worked for freight railroads earlier in his career, said having a conductor in the cab helps guard against fatigue when engineers and conductors are working irregular shifts with early start times or facing inclement weather.

The National Transportation Safety Board says more than 150 train crashes since 1969 could have been prevented by positive train control, which was required by a 2008 law approved after a commuter train collided head-on with a freight train near Los Angeles, killing 25 and injuring more than 100.

The braking system uses GPS, wireless radio and computers to monitor train position and speed, and it can give engineers commands. Regulators say the system could have prevented the December 2017 derailment of an Amtrak passenger train in Washington state that killed three passengers and injured 57 people.

The automatic braking system is scheduled to be in place on most rail lines by the end of the year. The major freight railroads have the system in place on most of their networks and are now working to ensure all their systems work with the systems on other railroads.

Railroads may decide to keep two crew members on some trains if they know there will be a need to change switches or split out groups of cars at destinations along the route, so it's not immediately clear how many of the thousands of conductor jobs could be eliminated.

Right now with two crew members, if a train has to stop because a problem has been detected, conductors can walk the length of the train to help identify and address it while the engineer remains in the cab. Conductors can also split a train apart if a crossing needs to be opened for emergency responders.

But if only one person is aboard, that sole crew member cannot leave the locomotive without setting brakes all along the train to ensure it does not roll away.

The solution railroads have proposed for that kind of work is to have conductors stationed in trucks along the route that can respond.

"Conductors play an important role outside of the locomotive, and their work still needs to be accomplished by someone on the ground," Fritz said.

Still, it's not clear how long it might take for help to arrive on remote stretches of rail lines in rugged, rural territory. Railroad safety consultant Sheldon Lustig worries about the prospect of long delays when one-person crews have to wait for backup. It could mean rail crossings being blocked for extended periods of time, which hurts emergency response times in affected communities.

"I think there is a trade-off, and it leans in favor of having at least two people in the cab," Lustig said.

The railroads' argument to use one-person crews, however, is bolstered by federal regulators' decision not to address the issue. Last year, the Federal Railroad Administration dropped its proposal to require two-person crews on freight railroads because it said the safety data didn't support such a rule.

The major railroads and several safety experts believe that operating trains with just one person can be safe. Already, dozens of short-line railroads operate some trains with a single crew member, although their operations can differ greatly from the major freight railroads.

"The data is clear: The safety benefits of having the second person are trivial," DePaul University Professor Joe Schwieterman said.

Once railroads successfully implement the braking system and can stop trains remotely, the advances might open the door to one day operating trains entirely by remote control or with robots, said David Clarke, director of the University of Tennessee's Center for Transportation Research. Existing remote-control systems at U.S. railroads are currently limited to use in rail yards.

"I think it's debatable whether there are safety issues. One person can operate the train, and there are ways to deal with the alertness factors," Clarke said. "My viewpoint is we could operate the train remotely, and that may be where we are going."

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Winston sets MSU assists record in Wisconsin win

By CHRIS SOLARI
Detroit Free Press (TNS)

EAST LANSING — It was the type of performance Tom Izzo and his players have come to expect at home.

And a much-needed return to form for No. 15 Michigan State – on a record-setting night for Cassius Winston.

The senior point guard passed another Spartan legend, Mateen Cleaves, to become the Big Ten's all-time assist leader in a 67-55 victory over Wisconsin at Breslin Center. Winston recorded his 817th career assist with a pick-and-roll lob to Xavier Tillman for an alley-oop dunk with 6:23 to play in the second half. Cleaves, who watched the assist while sitting opposite MSU's bench and presented Winston with a ceremonial ball for his achievement after the game, held the record since 2000.

It was an otherwise off night again for Winston, the reigning Big Ten player of the year.

He finished shooting 3 of 12 for six points to go along with four assists and five rebounds, plus he had two charging fouls in the final 2 minutes as the Badgers chipped the Spartans' 25-point lead with a 13-0 run late. He had five turnovers overall.

Tillman had 15 points and nine rebounds for MSU (14-4, 6-1 Big Ten), which has won eight straight against the Badgers and 11 in a row against them at Breslin. Gabe Brown and Aaron Henry each scored 13, and Rocket Watts had 11 points off the bench.

The first-place Spartans, who have won nine of 10, were coming off a 71-42 blowout Sunday at Purdue. They are now 9-1 overall and 5-0 in conference play this season at home.

Nate Reuvers scored 19 points and Kobe King added 10 for the Badgers (11-7, 4-3), who had won two straight and six of seven.

The two teams will meet again Feb. 1 at Kohl Center.

Winston struggled early, bypassing a number of open shot attempts and looking to pass more – either to get the record out of the way quickly or to play less selfishly, as

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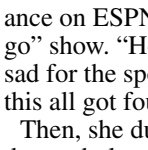
Carlos Osorio / AP

Michigan State guard Cassius Winston makes a layup during the second half of Friday's game.

MLB whistleblower deserves applause, not criticism

When future generations are documenting baseball history, Mike Fiers will surely be remembered as one of the game's most significant figures.

Paul Newberry



Not necessarily for what he did on the field, though tossing a pair of no-hitters is certainly a worthy achievement.

Let's just hope all his fellow players give him a big tip of the cap when he takes the mound this season.

After all, Fiers blew the lid off one of the most nefarious schemes in the history of the national pastime, a scandal that ranks right up there with the Black Sox and the Steroids Era.

There will surely be some who view him as a back-stabbing snitch for going public with revelations that Houston cheated its way to a World Series title in 2017 by stealing signs, who will whisper – or even say right out loud – that he violated one of baseball's cardinal rules by revealing the secrets of the clubhouse.

We already got a sampling of that line of thought from ESPN analyst and New York Mets adviser Jessica Mendoza, who said Thursday the pitcher should have reported his concerns to Major League Baseball instead of going to The Athletic with his blockbuster story.

"It didn't sit well with me," Mendoza said during an appearance on ESPN's "Golic and Wingo" show. "Honestly, it made me sad for the sport that that's how this all got found out."

Then, she dug herself an even deeper hole.

"This wasn't something MLB naturally investigated," Mendoza said. "It came from within. It was a player that was a part of it, that benefited from it during the regular season when he was a part of that team. That, when I first heard about it, it hits you like any teammate would. It's something that you don't do. I totally get telling your future teammates, helping them win, letting people know, but to go public with it and call them out and start all of this, it's hard to swallow."

What a crock.

If Fiers hadn't made his on-the-record allegations to a journalist, there's a very good chance the world never would have known the full extent of the scam.

If there's one thing that sports leagues and pretty much any for-profit business try to avoid, it's embarrassing publicity. We'll never know how thorough the investigation would've been if baseball officials had known it was all on the down low, but history is filled with foul deeds that went largely unpunished until a whistleblower bravely went public with the truth.

Chances are, AJ Hinch, Jeff

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St. Joseph's Caroline Veine shoots over Niles' Alexis Rauch during Friday night's game.

Staying in control

St. Joseph girls overcome turnovers to beat Niles; Bear boys also win

By BEN SPENCER
HP Sports Writer

ST. JOSEPH — St. Joseph's girls basketball team overcame a bit of sloppy play to top Niles in a Southwestern Michigan Athletic Conference West Division matchup on Friday night.

The Bears turned the ball over 25 times, but converted in key moments to hang on for a 59-54 win over the Vikings.

In the second game of the doubleheader, St. Joseph's boys also topped Niles, 47-42.

"I thought that we did a good job maintaining our composure, despite turning the ball over like maniacs," St. Joseph girls coach Tracey Bloodworth said. "They did a good job of sticking together even though we were kind of all over the place during that stretch."

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Don Campbell / HP staff

Niles' Adrian Thomas defends against St. Joseph's Griffin Shinrock during the first half of Friday night's game.

Bobcats get key BCS Red victory

Brandywine beats rival Buchanan to stay undefeated

By MAXWELL HARDEN
HP Sports Writer

NILES – It wasn't pretty, but the Brandywine boys basketball team will take it.

The Bobcats played host to rival Buchanan Friday night and held on to win 66-56 in a key Berrien-Cass-St. Joseph Red Division game.

Jordan Abrams tallied a game-high 24 points for the Bobcats, who used their length and athleticism on defense to get their hands on the basketball, and forced turnovers which led to easy baskets on offense.

"It's pure hustle," Brandywine coach Nathan Knapp said. "The kids were dialed in tonight and it was good to see. We have slow first halves and usually have great second halves. We came out ready to go tonight and we need to be able to make adjustments during the game."

The Bobcats led by as many as 18 in the first half before taking a 39-23 lead into halftime. Brandywine led by as many as 21 in the third quarter before the Bucks made things interesting late in the game.

With Brandywine players in foul trouble, Buchanan was able to attack the post and get baskets at the rim. The Bucks were forced to foul late and sent the Bobcats to the line 20 times in the quarter.

Buchanan's Logan Carson cut Brandywine's lead to 60-52 with roughly one minute remaining in the game but the Bobcats were able to make their free throws late to seal the win.

"We were lucky to survive this one," Brandywine coach Nathan Knapp said. "It's another learning thing. We haven't played 32 minutes all year and didn't expect to tonight. We've got a lot of work to do but we're gonna get there."

Kendall Chrisman scored 14 points for Brandywine and Shane Brown added nine points. The win keeps Brandywine undefeated and atop the BCS Red standings.

Carson led Buchanan with 17 and Gavin Fazi scored 14. Chris Young scored nine points before fouling out midway through the fourth quarter.

BRANDYWINE 66, BUCHANAN 56

BRANDYWINE (66)
Jordan Abrams 6 8-11 24, Kendall Chrisman 6 2-2 14, Shane Brown 3 2-2 9, Jaelen Briggs 2 2-2 6, Caleb Byrd 2 1-4 6, Carson Knapp 2 0-1 5, Gabe Gouin 1 0-0 2, Jacob Fox 0 0-2 0. Totals: 22 15-24 66.

BUCHANAN (56)
Logan Carson 7 3-4 17, Gavin Fazi 5 3-6 14, Chris Young 3 3-3 9, Levi Zelmer 2 1-2 5, Brad VanOverberghe 2 0-0 5, Cam Lorance2 1-3 5, Jack Branch 0 1-2 1. Totals: 21 12-20 56.

Brandywine	**14**	**25**	**9**	**18**	**--66**
Buchanan	**10**	**13**	**9**	**24**	**--56**

3-point goals – Brandywine 7 (Abrams 4, Knapp, Brown, Byrd), Buchanan 2 (Fazi, VanOverberghe). Total fouls – Buchanan 22, Brandywine 18. Fouled out – Buchanan 2 (Zelmer, Young). Technical fouls – None. Records – Brandywine 3-0 BCS Red, 8-0; Buchanan 1-2 BCS Red, 4-2.

IN BRIEF

One-armed Canadian amateur makes ace at American Express

LA QUINTA, Calif. (AP) — One-armed Canadian amateur Laurent Hurtubise made a hole-in-one playing alongside two PGA Tour pros in The American Express pro-am event.

Born without a right hand, Hurtubise aced the 151-yard par-3 fourth hole at PGA West's Stadium Course in the first round Thursday. The ball landed near the front of the green and rolled in.

Hurtubise was paired with professional Troy Merritt.

"The coolest experience I've had on the course," Merritt told PGA Tour.com.

Fellow tour player Greg Chalmers also was in the foursome.

"He hit the shot and it was a nice little cut for a lefty," Chalmers said. "Right away we sort of said, 'Sit down,' But it was one of those shots where you always thought, 'Hang on. This could go in.'"

Bears hire Bill Lazor as offensive coordinator

LAKE FOREST, Ill. (AP) — Chicago Bears coach Matt Nagy made several changes to his staff Thursday, hiring Bill Lazor as offensive coordinator and John DeFilippo as quarterbacks coach.

Dave Ragone (pass game coordinator), Brian Ginn (assistant special teams), Chris Jackson (assistant wide receivers) and Shane Toub (defensive quality control) received promotions.

Lazor, DeFilippo and Ragone will be tasked with helping Nagy get the most out of quarterback Mitchell Trubisky, who seemed to regress this season in his third year after he was selected by Chicago with the No. 2 overall pick in the 2017 draft.

Dodgers acquire INF Daniel from Cubs for RHP Sadler

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Los Angeles Dodgers acquired infielder Clayton Daniel from the Chicago Cubs on Friday in exchange for right-hander Casey Sadler.

Daniel has been in the Cubs organization for two years, hitting a combined .290 with 72 runs scored and 36 RBIs across four different minor league levels. Last year, the 24-year-old from Alabama split his time between Low-A South Bend and Double-A Tennessee, hitting a combined .305 with 21 RBIs. He was drafted in the 31st round out of Jacksonville State in 2018.

Sadler was designated for assignment Wednesday after spending most of last season with the Dodgers. The 29-year-old from Oklahoma was 4-0 with a 2.33 ERA in 24 appearances, including one start.

Sadler has been in the majors for parts of four seasons, going 5-1 with a 3.55 ERA in 42 games, including two starts.

Red Sox send LHP Hall to Tigers for minor league C Nuñez

BOSTON (AP) — The Boston Red Sox have acquired left-hander Matt Hall from Detroit for minor league catcher Jhon Nuñez.

The 26-year-old Hall made 16 relief appearances for the Tigers last season and five the year before, posting an 0-1 record with a 9.48 ERA in all. A sixth-round draft pick in 2015, he is 33-15 with a 2.97 ERA in 122 appearances in the minors.

Nuñez, 25, batted .280 with five home runs and 21 RBIs in 64 games in Double-A last year. In seven seasons, he's hit .260 with 10 homers 199 RBIs while throwing out 33.4 percent baserunners attempting to steal.

AIRWAVES

Television today

7:25 a.m. (NBCSports) **Premier League Soccer** Watford FC vs Tottenham Hotspur FC. (Live)
9:30 a.m. (FS1) **Bundesliga Soccer** FC Augsburg vs Borussia Dortmund. (Live) (CC)
9:55 a.m. (NBCSports) **Premier League Soccer** Arsenal FC vs Sheffield United FC. (Live)
11:00 a.m. (Bigten) **College Track and Field** Big Ten Indoor Invitational. (Live) (CC)
12:00 p.m. (17) (22.2) (32) **College Basketball** Seton Hall at St. John's. (Live) (CC)
(ESPN) **College Basketball** North Carolina at Pittsburgh. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Baylor at Oklahoma State. (Live)
(FS1) **College Basketball** Connecticut at Villanova. (Live) (CC)
12:30 p.m. (5) (8) (16) **Premier League Soccer** Newcastle United FC vs Chelsea FC. (Live)
(NBCSports) **College Basketball** La Salle at Rhode Island. (Live)
1:00 p.m. (FoxDetroit) **College Basketball** Butler at DePaul. (Live)
1:30 p.m. (2) (3) (22) **College Basketball** Auburn at Florida. (Live) (CC)
2:00 p.m. (ESPN) **College Basketball** Kansas at Texas. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Purdue at Maryland. (Live)
(FS1) **College Basketball** Marquette at Georgetown. (Live) (CC)
(Golf) **LPGA Tour Golf** Diamond Resorts Tournament of Champions, Third Round. (Live)
2:30 p.m. (17) (22.2) (32) **College Basketball** Colorado at Arizona. (Live) (CC)
(Bigten) **College Wrestling** Indiana at Northwestern. (Live) (CC)
(NBCSports) **College Basketball** Richmond at George Mason. (Live)
3:00 p.m. (5) (8) (16) **LPGA Tour Golf** Diamond Resorts Tournament of Champions, Third Round. (Live)
(Golf) **PGA Tour Golf** The American Express, Third Round. (Live)
3:30 p.m. (7) (13) (41) (57) **NBA Basketball** Los Angeles Clippers at New Orleans Pelicans. (Live) (CC)
3:45 p.m. (2) (3) (22) **College Basketball** Oregon at Washington. (Live) (CC)
4:00 p.m. (ESPN) **College Basketball** Kentucky at Arkansas. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Houston at Wichita State. (Live)
4:30 p.m. (FS1) **College Basketball** Providence at Creighton. (Live) (CC)
(NBCSports) **College Basketball** George Washington at Massachusetts. (Live)
5:00 p.m. (Bigten) **College Basketball** Northwestern at Illinois. (Live) (CC)
6:00 p.m. (ESPN) **College Basketball** Louisville at Duke. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Northern Iowa at Bradley. (Live)
(FoxDetroit) **World Poker Tour** WPT Vegas Cash Game - Part 4.
6:30 p.m. (FS1) **Boxing** PBC Fight Night: Julian Williams vs. Jeison Rosario- Prelims. (N) (Live)
(NBCSports) **Swimming** TYR Pro Series: Day 2. From Knoxville, Tenn. (Live)
7:00 p.m. (Bigten) **College Basketball** Indiana at Nebraska. (Live) (CC)
(Golf) **PGA Tour Golf** Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai, Final Round. (Live)
(NBCSCH) **NHL Hockey** Chicago Blackhawks at Toronto Maple Leafs. (Live)
7:30 p.m. (FoxDetroit) **NBA Basketball** Detroit Pistons at Atlanta Hawks. (Live)
8:00 p.m. (17) (22.2) (32) **Boxing** PBC Fight Night: Julian Williams vs. Jeison Rosario. (Live)
(50) **AHL Hockey** Milwaukee Admirals at Chicago Wolves. (Live)
(ESPN) **UFC 246: McGregor vs. Cerrone - Prelims** Roxanne Modafferi vs. Maycee Barber, women's flyweight bout. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** LSU at Ole Miss. (Live)
(FS1) **Women's College Basketball** West Virginia at Baylor. (Live) (CC)
8:30 p.m. (7) (13) (41) (57) **NBA Basketball** Los Angeles Lakers at Houston Rockets. (Live) (CC)
9:00 p.m. (Bigten) **College Wrestling** Nebraska at Iowa. (Live) (CC)
10:00 p.m. (ESPN) **Boxing** Eleider Alvarez vs. Michael Seals. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** BYU at Gonzaga. (Live)
(NBCSCH) **NBA Basketball** Cleveland Cavaliers at Chicago Bulls. (Joined in Progress) (Live)
(NBCSports) **Motorcycle Racing** Monster Energy Supercross: Anaheim. (Live)
1:30 a.m. (Golf) **Asian Tour Golf** SMBC Singapore Open, Final Round. (Live)
3:30 a.m. (Golf) **European PGA Tour Golf** Abu Dhabi HSBC Championship, Final Round. (Live)

Sunday

6:25 a.m. (ESPN2) **Italian Serie A Soccer** AC Milan vs Udinese. (Live)
8:55 a.m. (NBCSports) **Premier League Soccer** Burnley FC vs Leicester City FC. (Live)
9:30 a.m. (FS1) **Bundesliga Soccer** Hertha BSC Berlin vs FC Bayern Munich. (Live) (CC)
11:25 a.m. (NBCSports) **Premier League Soccer** Liverpool FC vs Manchester United FC. (Live)
12:00 p.m. (FoxDetroit) **Women's College Basketball** Syracuse at Pittsburgh. (Live)
(Golf) **PGA Korn Ferry Tour Golf** The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic, First Round. (Live) (CC)
12:30 p.m. (5) (8) (16) **NHL Hockey** Boston Bruins at Pittsburgh Penguins. (Live)
1:00 p.m. (Bigten) **College Basketball** Minnesota at Rutgers. (Live) (CC)
(ESPN2) **Women's College Basketball** Louisville at North Carolina. (Live)
(FS1) **PBA Bowling** Hall of Fame Classic. (Live) (CC)
2:00 p.m. (FoxDetroit) **Women's College Basketball** Wake Forest at NC State. (Live)
(Golf) **LPGA Tour Golf** Diamond Resorts Tournament of Champions, Final Round. (Live)
3:00 p.m. (2) (3) (22) **NFL Football** Tennessee Titans at Kansas City Chiefs. (Live) (CC)
(5) (8) (16) **LPGA Tour Golf** Diamond Resorts Tournament of Champions, Final Round. (Live)
(Bigten) **College Wrestling** Maryland at Michigan State. (Live) (CC)
(ESPN2) **Women's College Basketball** UCF at South Florida. (Live)
(Golf) **PGA Tour Golf** The American Express, Final Round. (Live)
(NBCSports) **Women's College Basketball** St. Bonaventure at La Salle. (Live)
4:00 p.m. (50) **AHL Hockey** Rockford IceHogs at Chicago Wolves. (Live)
(FoxDetroit) **Women's College Basketball** TCU at Oklahoma. (Live)
5:00 p.m. (Bigten) **Women's College Basketball** Michigan at Nebraska. (Live) (CC)
(ESPN2) **College Wrestling** Rutgers at Penn State. (Live)
6:30 p.m. (17) (22.2) (32) **NFL Football** Green Bay Packers at San Francisco 49ers. (Live) (CC)
7:00 p.m. (ESPN2) **2020 Australian Open Tennis** First Round. From Melbourne, Australia. (Live) (CC)
(NBCSCH) **NHL Hockey** Winnipeg Jets at Chicago Blackhawks. (Live)
7:30 p.m. (ESPN) **High School Basketball** IMG Academy (Fla.) vs. Montverde Academy (Fla.) (Live)
3:00 a.m. (ESPN2) **2020 Australian Open Tennis** First Round. From Melbourne, Australia. (Live) (CC)

Monday

2:00 p.m. (Golf) **PGA Korn Ferry Tour Golf** The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic, Second Round. (Live) (CC)
3:00 p.m. (FoxDetroit) **NHL Hockey** Detroit Red Wings at Colorado Avalanche. (Live)
5:00 p.m. (NBCSCH) **NBA Basketball** Chicago Bulls at Milwaukee Bucks. (Live)
(TNT) **NBA Basketball** New Orleans Pelicans at Memphis Grizzlies. (Live) (CC)
6:00 p.m. (Bigten) **Women's College Basketball** Michigan State at Rutgers. (Live) (CC)
7:00 p.m. (ESPN) **College Basketball** NC State at Virginia. (Live)
(ESPN2) **Women's College Basketball** Mississippi State at South Carolina. (Live)
7:30 p.m. (TNT) **NBA Basketball** Los Angeles Lakers at Boston Celtics. (Subject to Blackout) (Live) (CC)
8:00 p.m. (Bigten) **Women's College Basketball** Indiana at Maryland. (Live) (CC)
9:00 p.m. (ESPN) **College Basketball** Oklahoma at Baylor. (Live)
(ESPN2) **2020 Australian Open Tennis** First Round. (Live) (CC)
10:00 p.m. (TNT) **NBA Basketball** Golden State Warriors at Portland Trail Blazers. (Subject to Blackout) (Live) (CC)
3:00 a.m. (ESPN2) **2020 Australian Open Tennis** First Round. (Live)

Radio today

7 p.m.
High school basketball — Benton Harbor vs. GR Catholic Central (WSJM-AM, 1400; WSJM-FM, 106.1)

Sunday

3 p.m.
NFL — AFC Championship, Titans at Chiefs (WSJM-AM, 1400; WSJM-FM, 106.1)
6:30 p.m.
NFL — NFC Championship, Packers at 49ers (WSJM-AM, 1400; WSJM-FM, 106.1)

Monday

7:30 p.m.
High school basketball — Watervliet at Lake Michigan Catholic (WSJM-AM, 1400; WSJM-FM, 106.1)

Ben Margot / AP

San Francisco running back Tevin Coleman celebrates after scoring a touchdown against the Minnesota Vikings during the first half of a NFL divisional playoff football game Jan. 11.

49ers, Packers look to go from losing seasons to Super Bowl

By JOSH DUBOW
AP Pro Football Writer

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — The San Francisco 49ers are one win away from accomplishing a turnaround that's been done only once before in the Super Bowl era.

With a victory in the NFC championship game at home on Sunday against the Green Bay Packers, the Niners will become the second team in NFL history to make the Super Bowl a year after losing at least 12 games.

Only the St. Louis Rams have done it, going from 4-12 in 1998 to Super Bowl champs one year later thanks in part of an injury to Trent Green that cleared the way for Kurt Warner to take over at quarterback.

The 49ers (14-3) also can credit an injury to their quarterback for part of their turnaround; the team went only 4-12 last season after Jimmy Garoppolo went down with a season-ending knee injury in Week 3.

The silver lining to that injury was the No. 2 overall pick in the draft, which led to the addition of defensive end Nick Bosa, who helped transform the defense into one of the league's best.

"Things have a way of working out," Garoppolo said. "I always told myself it was a blessing in disguise, the ACL and everything, and yeah, we got Bosa out of it. That's a pretty good tradeoff, I guess. Things have a way of working out, I guess. This ride is crazy. You've just got to roll with the punches."

The Packers (14-3) have also had an impressive turnaround after slumping to a 6-9-1 record last season that led to the firing of longtime coach Mike McCarthy.

Matt LaFleur came in and tinkered with the offense, and general manager Brian Gutekunst brought in key additions such as pass-rushing duo Preston Smith and Za'Darius Smith, who combined for 25½ sacks on the season.

There have also been some lower-profile pickups such as Tyler Ervin, Jared Veldheer and Marcedes Lewis that have helped.

"I think he's done a great job. I think he deserves a lot of credit, him and his staff," quarterback Aaron Rodgers said of Gutekunst. "There's been a lot of great pickups, but I think I said this at my locker a few weeks ago, the big-name ones have been fantastic, but it's kind of the other ones that have been the glue pieces, I feel like."

Rematch

These teams played earlier this season in Week 12 in what turned out to be a lopsided game. Rodgers lost a fumble on Green Bay's first possession, setting up a 2-yard TD drive that gave San Francisco the lead. The Niners then broke it open with long TD passes to Deebo Samuel late in the second quarter and George Kittle in the third quarter for a 37-8 win. Rodgers had the worst day of his career, averaging 3.2 yards per attempt and getting sacked five times.

There have been 23 times in the Super Bowl era, excluding one replacement player game in 1987, that a team lost a regular-season game by at least 28 points to a team it met again in the playoffs. In nine of those cases, the team that got blown out earlier in the season came back to win in the playoffs.

Homecoming

Rodgers and star receiver Davante Adams both hail from Northern California, with Rodgers growing up in Chico and Adams in Palo Alto, which is near Santa Clara. Both played college ball in the state, Rodgers going to Cal and Adams to Fresno State. But neither ended up with the 49ers, who famously passed on Rodgers with the No. 1 overall pick in the 2005 draft for Alex Smith.

"I usually dreamed about playing for the 49ers as a kid, but obviously that thing passed a long time ago," Rodgers said when asked if he envisioned playing the Niners in the playoffs.

Titans, Chiefs on verge of Super Bowl, play for AFC title

By DAVE SKRETTA
Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Andy Reid rarely digs into his own past, preferring to stay in the moment or focus squarely on the future. It's an approach that has served him well during a coaching career that might someday land him in the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Yet when his Kansas City Chiefs faced a seemingly insurmountable hole in the divisional round of the playoffs, Reid caught himself thinking back almost four decades to his final game as an offensive lineman at BYU. It was the Holiday Bowl and SMU had taken a 45-25 lead in the fourth quarter. Just about everybody in Jack Murphy Stadium that night thought it was over, only to watch, stunned, as the Cougars scored three late touchdowns to win the game.

"That kind of stuck in there. You had that hope," Reid said this week when asked what gave him confidence Kansas City could rally to a 51-31 win over the Texans for a spot in the AFC championship game. "You had that hope. Then it's the feel of your team. You're on the sideline, you've been down there long enough, you can sense what they're thinking, where their mind is at. These guys weren't flinching. Let's get it right."

The Chiefs (13-4) got everything right the rest of the way. And the comeback from a 24-0 deficit propelled them into a matchup Sunday with Tennessee (11-7), which has merely knocked off the Patriots and top-seeded Ravens – on the road, no less – to reach the precipice of the Super Bowl.

It will be the first time coaching this deep in the playoffs for the Titans' Mike Vrabel, but it's certainly familiar territory to his counterpart. Reid had the Chiefs in the same position a year ago, when they lost in overtime to New England – the Patriots won the coin toss and marched downfield for a touchdown – and he led the Eagles to five NFC championship games during his 14 years in Philadelphia.

"I have done a few of these," Reid said, "and you know, we try to keep it as normal as we possibly can as far as the schedule goes for the players, so they can get their work done. One thing that changes is how fast the game is. I can tell you from experience, the magnitude, every time you take a step up in the playoffs – it's single elimination."

Experience is great. Successful experience is better, and that is where Reid falls short. His only conference title came during the 2004 season, when the Eagles lost the Super Bowl to the Patriots. And who should be on the New England roster that night but a linebacker named Vrabel, who even caught a touchdown pass.

Vrabel may not have any experience in this position as a coach, but has plenty as a player. He lifted the Lombardi Trophy three times with New England before finishing his career – coincidentally – with two seasons in Kansas City.

"I spent 14 years in the National Football League," Vrabel said, "and I don't even know how many playoff games, but those were good experiences about preparation and really focusing on what got us to this point from where we were at different points in the season. And then, there's also things that I have to do as a coach to make sure that we're ready."

On offense, that means pounding away with running back Derrick Henry and getting just enough production from Ryan Tannehill, just as the Titans did during a back-and-forth Week 10 win over the Chiefs.

"I think there is a belief in one another, first and foremost," Tannehill said. "We've been through a lot this season, ups and downs, and won games in a lot of different ways. With that comes a lot of belief and a lot of confidence in one another."

The Chiefs have plenty of confidence in their own right. They haven't lost since that game in Tennessee, and their comeback last week gave them the belief they can overcome anything. Their offense is still shattering records and a retooled defense under new coordinator Steve Spagnuolo has been playing as well as any in the league.

"I think that with the Titans, the physicality and determination they play with is big," Mahomes said. "They're going to get after it and fight for every single yard. Their defense is going to fly around to the ball and not give up on anything. We're just trying to match that. We're going to go out there and give it everything we have to come out with a victory."

High school scoreboard

GIRLS BOWLING

BRONSON INVITATIONAL

Championship – Coloma 1,082, Bronson 954
Semifinals – Coloma d. Portage Central (score unavailable)
Qualifying – Coloma 2,441 (first place).

GIRLS BASKETBALL

MICHIGAN LUTHERAN 63, COUNTRYSIDE 10

COUNTRYSIDE (10)
Carolyn Deneau 2 0-0 6, Yneisha Washington 0 1-2 1, Carolina Pullen 1 0-0 3. Totals: 3 1-2 10.
LUTHERAN (63)
Mara Rugen 5 0-0 12, Rebekah Hisle 5 1-3 11, Alexia Tobias 4 4-4 13, Jenna Koehler 2 0-0 4, Sophee Garcia 2 0-0 4, Abby Harris 4 0-0 8, Jessi Jewell 4 0-0 9, Clare Berghaus 1 0-0 2. Totals: 27 5-7 63.

Lutheran	**15**	**17**	**13**	**18**	**— 63**
Countryside	**0**	**1**	**3**	**6**	**— 10**

3-point goals – Lutheran 4 (Rugen 2, Tobias, Jewell), Countryside 3 (Deneau 2, Pullen). Total fouls – Lutheran 2, Countryside 9. Fouled out – none. Technical fouls – none. Assists – Conrad (ML) 5, Hisle (ML) 4. Rebounds – Hisle (ML) 4, Koehler (ML) 4.
Records – Countryside 0-6 BCS White, 0-6; Lutheran 7-0, 9-0.

LAKE MICHIGAN CATHOLIC 43, HOWARDSVILLE CHRISTIAN 11

CATHOLIC (43)
Elena Proos 0 2-2 2, Claire LaSata 3 0-0 7, Hayden Starr 1 0-0 2, Maggie Tidey 4 0-0 8, Emily Lage 9 1-3 19, Chloe Mills 2 1-2 5. Totals: 19 4-7 43.
HOWARDSVILLE (11)
Jessica Hand 2 0-0 4, Rebekah VanMarel 1 0-0 2, Mercy Cardner 1 3-4 5. Totals: 4 3-4 11.

Catholic	**12**	**12**	**4**	**15**	**— 43**
Howardsville	**0**	**1**	**4**	**6**	**— 11**

3-point goals – Catholic 1 (LaSata), Howardsville 0. Rebounds – Lage (Cath) 10. Assists – Proos (Cath) 5.
Records – Catholic 4-3 BCS White, 5-3; Howardsville 1-5, 1-5.

COLOMA 38, GOBLES 36

COLOMA (38)
Megan Koenigshof 0 4-8 4, Marissa Sherburn 0 1-2 1, Amaria Echols 1 0-0 2, Abby Vandermolen 0 0-2 0, Megan Neubecker 7 1-3 15, Mia Cole 6 0-0 16. Totals: 14 6-15 38.
GOBLES (36)
McKenzie Lisowski 0 1-2 1, Christiana Hunt 6 1-2 15, Amanda Barber 1 0-0 3, Emily Baxter 2 0-0 4, Libbee Nason 5 2-4 13. Totals: 14 4-8 36.

Coloma	**7**	**7**	**13**	**11**	**— 38**
Gobles	**16**	**6**	**11**	**3**	**— 36**

3-point goals – Coloma 4 (Cole 4), Gobles 4 (Hunt 2, Barber, Nason). Total fouls – Coloma 12, Gobles 18. Fouled out – Lisowski (G). Technical fouls – none. Rebounds – Neubecker (C) 10. Blocks – Neubecker (C) 3.
Records – Coloma 2-2 SAC Lakeshore, 3-6; Gobles 3-1, 7-1.

EDWARDSBURG 54, SOUTH HAVEN 8

SOUTH HAVEN (8)
Jina Patel 1 1-2 3, Jordyn Holland 0 0-2 0, Blanca Gonzales 0 1-2 1, Bernadette Brown 0 1-2 1, Taylor Williams 1 0-0 2, Faith Lewis 0 0-2 0, Dayzha Crawley 0 1-2 1. Totals: 2 4-12 8.
EDWARDSBURG (54)
Ella Castelucci 2 1-2 5, Paige Albright 1 0-0 3, Alyssah Simmons 1 0-0 2, Macey Laubach 5 3-4 13, Katie Schaible 1 0-0 2, Kaitlynne Allen 2 0-0 4, Averie Markel 0 4-4 4, Amyah Swartz 1 0-0 2, Claire Bartz 6 1-4 13, Abbey Krugh 2 2-2 6. Totals: 21 11-16 54.

S. Haven	**4**	**3**	**1**	**0**	**— 8**
Edwardsburg	**14**	**21**	**14**	**5**	**— 54**

3-point goals – South Haven 0, Edwardsburg 1 (Albright). Total fouls – South Haven 11, Edwardsburg 13. Fouled out – none. Technical fouls – none.
Records – South Haven 2-6, Edwardsburg 9-1.

BLOOMINGDALE 59, MARCELLUS 29

MARCELLUS (29)
J. Small 0 0-2 0, A. Tibbs 1 2-4 5, A. Daugherty 1 3-5 5, E. Holmes 0 0-1 0, S. Lowery 3 3-6 9, R. Welburn 1 0-0 2, R. Mihills 3 2-4 8. Totals: 9 10-22 29.
BLOOMINGDALE (59)
O. Moss 3 0-0 6, A. Starbuck 4 1-1 9, K. Harrison 6 0-1 12, H. Morse 2 1-3 5, A. Sustaita 2 2-2 6, E. Allison 3 0-0 7, K. Hudson 5 0-2 10, I. Romero-Saboda 1 0-0 2. Totals: 27 4-9 59.

Marcellus	**4**	**10**	**7**	**8**	**— 29**
Bloomingdale	**14**	**12**	**16**	**17**	**— 59**

3-point goals – Marcellus 1 (Tibbs), Bloomingdale 1 (Allison). Total fouls – Marcellus 11, Bloomingdale 17. Fouled out – none. Technical foul – Tibbs (M).
Records – Marcellus 3-5 SW10, 5-5; Bloomingdale 7-1, 7-3.

COMSTOCK 40, BERRIEN SPRINGS 37 (OT)

BERRIEN SPRINGS (37)
Zoe Dortch 1 3-7 5, Hillary Dortch 7 2-2 17, Maggie Griffiths 1 0-0 2, Miracle Love 1 0-0 2, Taneya Shivers 3 0-0 6, Emma Tyson 2 1-2 5. Totals: 15 6-11 37.
COMSTOCK (40)
Brionna Tiffany 1 0-1 2, Karissa Gilley 3 0-0 6, Kayla Owens 2 0-1 4, L'izariah Lewis 0 0-3 0, Macy Cannon 5 7-9 18, Keei Wilson-Abrams 5 0-0 10. Totals: 16 7-14 40.

B. Springs	**6**	**8**	**7**	**16**	**0 — 37**
Comstock	**8**	**9**	**11**	**9**	**3 — 40**

3-point goals – Berrien Springs 1 (H. Dortch), Comstock 1 (Cannon). Total fouls – Berrien Springs 16, Comstock 14. Fouled out – H. Dortch (BSp). Steals – H. Dortch (BSp) 8.
Records – Berrien Springs 2-2 BCS Red, 4-6; Comstock 2-2, 2-6.

DECATUR 43, HARTFORD 32

Hartford scorers – Megan Nelson 14, Jaelyne Galvan 11.
Records – Decatur 6-2 SW 10, 8-2; Hartford 5-3, 7-3.
Complete results unavailable

MATTAWAN 50, LAKESHORE 29

Lakeshore scorers – Hollee Hercik 10, Riley Pifer 7.

Lakeshore	**2**	**4**	**13**	**10**	**— 29**
Mattawan	**9**	**14**	**15**	**12**	**— 50**

Records – Lakeshore 1-3 SMAC West, 3-5; Mattawan 1-3, 4-6.
Complete results unavailable

BOYS BASKETBALL

MICHIGAN LUTHERAN 41, COUNTRYSIDE 38

COUNTRYSIDE (38)
Charles Booker 4 1-2 9, Lamarion Gordon 2 1-2 5, Jamere Matlock 5 5-9 16, Victor Norris 1 0-2 2, Sam Rollins 1 0-3 2, Elisha Smith 1 0-0 3, Brandon Buchanan 0 0-1 0, Terrence Allen 0 1-3 1. Totals: 14 8-22 41.
LUTHERAN (41)
Alex Ritter 5 3-4 15, Max Plocher 0 2-2 2, Nick Lockman 2 0-0 5, Abdul Erby 2 3-8 7, Andy Semenak 3 2-6 8, Adam Rosenbaum 2 0-0 4. Totals: 14 10-20 41.

Countryside	**9**	**7**	**12**	**10**	**— 38**
Lutheran	**12**	**14**	**3**	**12**	**— 41**

3-point goals – Countryside 2 (Matlock, Smith), Lutheran 3 (Ritter 2, Lockman). Total fouls – Countryside 20, Lutheran 22. Fouled out – none. Technical fouls – none.
Records – Countryside 2-3 BCS White, 2-4; Lutheran 3-2, 4-3.

CASSOPOLIS 64, EAU CLAIRE 48

EAU CLAIRE (48)
M. Hackney 3 2-4 8, T. Murphy 0 1-2 1, K. Taylor 2 0-2 4, D. Travis 9 0-2 19, D. Evans 1 2-2 4, J. Gomez 1 0-0 2, D. Holmes 3 0-3 6, T. Henry 2 0-0 4. Totals: 21 5-15 48.
CASSOPOLIS (64)
Johnson 2 2-2 6, Gatson 10 0-1 24, Jamison 5 1-2 11, Hart 1 4-4 6, Amyerson 1 1-4 3, Drews 4 2-4 12, Christopher 0 2-4 2. Totals: 23 12-21 64.

Eau Claire	**8**	**9**	**14**	**17**	**— 48**
Cassopolis	**11**	**9**	**19**	**25**	**— 64**

3-point goals – Eau Claire 1 (Travis), Cassopolis 6 (Gatson 4, Drews 2). Total fouls – Eau Claire 21, Cassopolis 19. Fouled out – Evans (EC). Technical foul – Hart (C).
Records – Eau Claire 2-4 SW 10, 3-4; Cassopolis 6-0, 6-1.

NEW BUFFALO 60, COVERT 16

COVERT (16)
Carl Wilson 1 0-0 2, Jessie Hernandez 1 0-0 2, Hector Hernandez 4 0-0 9, Travon Vaughn 1 0-0 3, Dewaye Swans 0 0-2 0. Totals: 7 0-2 16.
NEW BUFFALO (60)
Nate Tripp 1 1-4 4, Kaden Parmley 5 3-8 14, Markvell Shaw 0 3-6 3, Landon Haskins 1 1-4 4, Ben Lijewski 1 0-2 2, Cole Haskins 2 0-2 4, Anthony Lijewski 9 3-6 22, Sean Gordon 1 1-4 3, Ryan Vinson 1 2-2 4. Totals: 21 14-38 60.

C	**3**	**5**	**4**	**4**	**— 16**
NB	**12**	**27**	**16**	**5**	**— 60**

3-point goals – Covert 2 (H. Hernandez, Vaughn), New Buffalo 4 (Tripp, Parmley Haskins, A. Lijewski). Total fouls – Covert 19, New Buffalo 7. Fouled out – none.
Records – New Buffalo 5-0 BCS White, 5-1 ; Covert 0-6, 0-7.

LAKESHORE 65, MATTAWAN 42

Lakeshore scorers – Ben Brower 14, JJ Bushu 11, Grant Gondrezick 8, Ben Anderson 6.

Lakeshore	**17**	**18**	**17**	**13**	**— 65**
Mattawan	**10**	**8**	**9**	**15**	**— 42**

Records – Lakeshore 3-0 SMAC West, 7-0; Mattawan 0-3, 0-7.
Complete results unavailable

HARTFORD 62, DECATUR 51

Hartford scorers – Elijah Rodarte 18, Aaron Sinclair 12.
Records – Hartford 4-2 SW 10, 4-3; Decatur 1-5, 1-6.
Complete results unavailable

RIVER VALLEY 42, LAWRENCE 28

Lawrence scorers – Kaleb Smith 8.
Records – River Valley 6-0 BCS White, 8-2; Lawrence 2-4, 3-6.
Complete results unavailable

Bulls fall to 76ers

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Furkan Korkmaz had six 3-pointers and a career-high 24 points, and the Philadelphia 76ers beat the Chicago Bulls 100-89 Friday night.

Ben Simmons and Al Horford each scored 20 points for Philadelphia. Simmons had 11 rebounds and seven assists.

Zach LaVine led Chicago with 23 points, while Cody White had 14 and Luke Kornet added 13.

Korkmaz helped the 76ers take over in the third quarter after trailing 48-47 coming into the second half. He hit all four of his shots from deep in the quarter, allowing Philadelphia to surge ahead 81-71 at the end of the quarter. The Bulls never drew closer than eight in the fourth.

Korkmaz finished 6 of 9 from 3-point range and was 8 of 11 overall.

Early in the fourth, Korkmaz brought a big ovation from the sold-out crowd with an isolation drive and windmill dunk over Bulls forward Cristiano Felicio. Korkmaz's previous high was 21 points at Detroit on Dec. 21.

Simmons had his third straight game with at least 20 points amid the absence of injured Joel Embiid.

TIP-INS

Sixers: Tobias Harris added 13 points for Philadelphia, which improved to 20-2 at home.

Bulls: Chicago was making its lone national television appearance, which allowed the Bulls to try and make a push to get LaVine into the All-Star Game at the United Center in February.

LaVine is averaging 24.6 points and 4.6 rebounds per game coming into Friday's game.

GOOD USE

Embiid's injured left finger has had a ripple effect on Philadelphia's plans in a lot of areas. One of the biggest could be the usage of 12-year veteran and 33-year-old Al Horford, who has seen his minutes go up from his time last year in Boston (31 per game this season as opposed to 29 with the Celtics) and up to 33.5 per game in the five games since Embiid was injured.

It was believed the 76ers were going to ease Horford's regular season workload with an eye towards the playoffs.

"If you look at it, he may go up a little bit, but it's never a reckless amount," Philadelphia head coach Brett Brown said before Friday's game. "In regard to cutting our nose off to spite our face, that won't happen. We're very mindful of it."

UP NEXT

Bulls: Host Cleveland on Saturday.

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St. Joseph's Nicholas Borre battles for a rebound against Niles' Cerious Wilson, back, and Jordan Jones during the first half of Friday night's game.

BEARS

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With the Bears (4-0 SMAC West, 6-4) leading 44-43 with under five minutes to play, St. Joseph's Symone King drew a foul on Niles' Alexis Rauch while attempting a layup under the basket. Rauch was whistled for a foul, then an additional technical foul for her reaction to the call.

King made one of two foul shots, with Emma Inman stepping in to take the technical free throws. After sinking both, King added an additional bucket on the ensuing possession after the St. Joseph inbounds play to take a 49-43 lead.

"One thing that helped is that their player picked up that technical (foul)," said Bloodworth. "It's a big call. It's disappointing that it happened, but at the same time it did happen, and it was a big deal for us."

Niles (2-2, 5-4) pulled within four in the final minutes, but the Bears' ability to convert from the foul line helped St. Joseph put the game away.

On the night, the Bears sunk 18 of 33 foul shots, including 11 of 23 in the final quarter.

King was a standout on both ends of the floor for the Bears, finishing with 24 points and eight rebounds. She also blocked two shots and had a pair of steals.

Inman added 14 points, 12 of which came on 3-pointers, all in the first half.

"Emma came out on fire," said Bloodworth. "(Niles) did a better job of guarding her in the second half, but it took so much attention that it opened Symone up, too. I thought that really opened things up for us."

Bloodworth was also impressed with the play of Cailynn Junk and Leah Barlow. Junk chipped in with nine points, and also had six rebounds, four assists and two steals. Barlow scored five points to go with three rebounds and three assists.

Alycia Patterson and Amara Palmer did a majority of the scoring for Niles, with Palmer putting up 24 and Patterson adding 22. Palmer and Patterson also led the Vikings in rebounding, grabbing six and seven, respectively.

"I think that's the best that I've seen Amara play," said Niles coach Jessica Johnson. "We struggled on the boards with boxing out. They had Alexandria (Malone) and Symone, and they just rebound really well. We struggled with having the self-discipline to go and box out before going for the ball, so I think that was the biggest struggle. Other than that, I'm proud of how the girls played."

Though Niles did not come out in the win column, the Vikings still had a reason to celebrate.

In the second quarter, the game was paused to honor Patterson, who had scored her 1,000th career point after sinking a deep 3-pointer from near the right wing.

"Alycia is the best player a coach could ask for," Johnson said. "She's a floor leader. The girls respond well to her, and she's just a great player. She actually had no idea that she was even close to 1,000 points. No idea. So we kept it a secret, and it was just killing us waiting for her to get those four points to make it to 1,000."

Patterson becomes just the fifth girls player in Niles history to reach the milestone.

In the boys game, St. Joseph (2-1 SMAC West, 3-5) and Niles (1-2, 2-6) played a tightly contested first half.

Neither team led by more than six points before the half ended in a 24-24 tie.

After a low-scoring third quarter that saw Niles pull ahead by four points on two separate occasions, the Bears' offense came alive, scoring 18 final-quarter points to put away the Vikings.

"I was pleased on how we responded when they took the lead in the third quarter," said Bears coach Gregg Schaffer. "They had some momentum, and we were able to hold our ground defensively and make a few plays to get the lead back.

"We did some good things offensively in the fourth quarter to hold them off. It was a really good game. Both teams played hard and did good things, and we feel fortunate to pull it out during the stretch."

The Bears balanced the scoring well all evening, with just a single player hitting double digits.

Brennen Kerns scored 12 for the Bears, with Nick Borre and Griffin Shinrock each adding eight. Grant Hardy and Andrew Blomgren each chipped in with six. Borre led the Bears in rebounds with eight.

"When we're playing well, that's what our scoring looks like," said Schaffer. "Tonight I thought we had good ball movement. We were making good decisions on when to attack and when not to, and that resulted in some balanced scoring and a better offensive night for us. We need to build on that."

Brayden Lake and Cerious Wilson led Niles, scoring 12 and 10 points respectively. Demarian Nichols chipped in eight before fouling out late in the fourth, and also pulled in seven rebounds.

St. Joseph's biggest lead was nine in the final quarter, but Niles was able to make some key baskets and force the Bears to sink foul shots late.

St. Joseph outrebounded Niles 34-28, including some key rebounds late.

"The next step for our program is to develop a swagger, a moxy, to learn how to put in some key shots in these close games," said first-year Niles coach Patrick Touhey. "There was a moment there where we lost the battle on the boards. That was crucial. It gave them that spread there at the end."

Niles committed just five turnovers on the night, but failed to get to the line, shooting 0-of-4 from the stripe while the Bears sunk 16-of-24.

ST. JOSEPH 59, NILES 54

NILES (54)
Kamryn Patterson 1 0-0 2, Reese Davies 2 0-0 4, Amara Palmer 6 10-13 24, Alycia Patterson 7 4-5 22, Sydney Skarbek 1 0-0 2. Totals: 18 14-18 54.
ST. JOSEPH (59)
Alyssa Krenek 0 1-2 1, Symone King 9 6-10 24, Leah Barlow 1 3-5 5, Emma Inman 4 2-2 14, Alexandria Malone 0 2-6 2, Cailynn Junk 3 2-6 9, Karly Klaer 1 2-2 4. Totals: 18 18-33 59.

N	**10**	**15**	**11**	**18**	**— 54**
SJ	**18**	**9**	**13**	**19**	**— 59**

3-point goals – Niles 4 (A. Patterson 4), St. Joseph 5 (Inman 4, Junk). Rebounds – Niles 30 (A. Patterson 7, Palmer 6), St. Joseph 39 (Junk 9, King 8). Assists – Niles 9 (A. Patterson 4), St. Joseph 15 (Junk 4). Total fouls – Niles 22, St. Joseph 17. Fouled out – Davies (N), Alexis Rauch (N). Technical fouls – Rauch (N).
Records – Niles 2-2 SMAC West, 5-4 ; St. Joseph 4-0, 6-4.

ST. JOSEPH 47, NILES 42

NILES (42)
Cerious Wilson 4 0-0 10, Adrian Thomas 2 0-1 4, Jordan Jones 1 0-0 2, Demarien Nichols 3 0-0 8, Zach Stokes 2 0-0 4, Brayden Lake 5 0-1 12, Michael Gilcrese 1 0-2 2. Totals: 17 0-4 42.
ST. JOSEPH (47)
Jeremiah Sterling 0 1-2 1, Luke Hedstrom 1 1-1 3, Joshua Terry 0 0-1 0, Nicholas Borre 3 2-3 8, Griffin Shinrock 2 4-7 8, Conner Wright 1 0-0 3, Grant Hardy 3 0-0 6, Brennen Kerns 3 4-4 12, Andrew Blomgren 1 4-6 6. Totals: 13 16-24 47.

N	**8**	**16**	**6**	**12**	**— 42**
SJ	**11**	**13**	**5**	**18**	**— 47**

3-point goals – Niles 6 (Wilson 2, Nichols 2, Lake 2), St. Joseph 3 (Wright, Kerns 2). Rebounds – Niles 28 (Nichols 7), St. Joseph 34 (Borre 8, Shinrock 7). Assists – Niles 8, St. Joseph 9 (Terry 4). Total fouls – Niles 20, St. Joseph 10. Fouled out – Nichols (N). Technical fouls – none.
Records – Niles 1-2 SMAC West, 2-6 ; St. Joseph 2-1, 3-5.

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Fowler, Scheffler lead at La Quinta

LA QUINTA, Calif. (AP) — Rickie Fowler came to The American Express for the first time in six years to prepare for the next two weeks at Torrey Pines and TPC Scottsdale.

He's ahead of schedule, shooting an 8-under 64 on Friday at PGA West's Jack Nicklaus Tournament Course for a share of the second-round lead with Scottie Scheffler.

In position to make the trip over the hill to San Diego and Torrey Pines with his sixth PGA Tour title and first since Phoenix a year ago, Fowler set up shop last week at the nearby Madison Club after tying for fifth at Kapalua in the Sentry Tournament of Champions.

"It was nice to get a little work in, get some good practice and play out here in the desert to get used to being back in the desert," said Fowler, who grew up about an hour away in Murrieta. "It's been very beneficial. I looked at that as something that was going to be the best opportunity for me to go into this West Coast swing to get the game where I want to and to play well."

He opened with a 65 on Thursday at La Quinta Country Club.

"These courses are scorable, but I feel like it's a fine line between playing well out here and kind of scraping by," Fowler said. "If you drive it well and hit good approach shots, you can make a lot of birdies, but if you're a little off you're kind of scrambling for par. I feel like I've done a good job of just kind of picking my way around the two golf courses so far."

He played his final nine in 6-under 30, making a 6-foot eagle putt on the par-5 fourth, four birdies and two big par saves on Nos. 6 and 7.

"It's always nice when you don't give shots back, especially in a tournament like this where typically the scores are going to be on the lower side," Fowler said. "Bogey almost feels like you're giving two shots back."

At 15-under 129, he had the lowest 36-hole score of his PGA Tour career.

Playing in the same third of the field as Fowler in the pro-am event, Scheffler also opened with rounds of 65 and 64. He birdied the first four holes and six of the first seven Friday, then rebounded from a double bogey on the par-4 18th with an eagle and two birdies in his second nine.

"Wish the double wasn't in there, but it was still a very good score," Scheffler said. "I feel like I've been playing pretty well, just doing a good job managing my game, giving myself a lot of looks. I got off to a pretty hot start today and kept playing pretty solid, even after that double on 18, just staying in a good place mentally and was able to hit some good shots."

The 23-year-old former University of Texas star is in his first season on the PGA Tour after winning twice and topping the Korn Ferry Tour Finals and overall points lists.

Fowler and Scheffler will play PGA West's Stadium Course — also the site of the final round — on Saturday.

Austin leads Langer at Champions Tour event

KA'UPULEHI-KONA, Hawaii (AP) — Woody Austin scrambled for birdie on the par-4 18th Friday to take the lead into the final round of the PGA Tour Champions' season-opening Mitsubishi Electric Championship, while Ernie Els had the best round of the day to get into contention in his senior debut.

After the wind carried Austin's drive far right, he hit a low 4-iron out of the rough to 12 feet to set up the closing birdie at windy Hualalai. He had a 4-under 68 to get to 11-under 133, a stroke ahead of Bernhard Langer.

"I don't think you're supposed to have 4-iron in on the 18th hole, but I hit a beautiful little low little runner and gave myself a birdie putt that I made," Austin said.

The 55-year-old Austin won the 2016 event for the second of his four senior titles. He also won four times on the PGA Tour.

"I've got to sharpen up the putter," Austin said. "I three-putted three times in the two days, so I need to sharpen that up."

Langer, tied for the first-round lead with Miguel Angel Jimenez, followed an opening 64 with a 70.

Jimenez, the 2015 winner, had three front-nine bogeys in a 71 to fall into a tie for third with Fred Couples at 9 under. The 60-year-old Couples had a 68.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Friday's boys scores

Alba 51, Cadillac Heritage Christian 22
Allen Park 55, Trenton 52
Allendale 74, Sparta 46
Alma 65, Essexville Garber 51
Almont 50, Yale 43
Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard 52, Adrian Lenawee Christian 28
Ann Arbor Greenhills 46, Royal Oak Shrine 43
Ann Arbor Huron 62, Bedford 34
AuGres-Sims 45, Fairview 30
Bath 60, Brighton Charyl Stockwell 34
Bay City All Saints 49, Caseville 45
Beaver Island 50, Ojibwe Charter 46
Belleville 53, Dearborn Fordson 41
Birmingham Seaholm 46, Rochester 36
Bloomingdale 63, Marcellus 55
Boyne City 70, East Jordan 51
Burton Bendle 68, Burton Genesee Christian 50
Burton Bentley 73, Burton Atherton 65
Cadillac 47, Alpena 27
Cass City 63, Vassar 30
Charlevoix 59, Elk Rapids 44
Chelsea 57, Ypsilanti 51
Chesaning 65, Mount Morris 47
Clarkston Everest Collegiate 56, Detroit Cristo Rey 52
Coldwater 63, Battle Creek Pennfield 52
Concord 46, Jonesville 44
DeWitt 60, Holt 52
Dearborn 59, Livonia Franklin 52
Delton Kellogg 44, Lawton 37
Detroit Cass Tech 93, Detroit Renaissance 50
Detroit Community 48, Academy Of Inkster 43
Detroit Ford 57, DCP-Northwestern 20
Detroit Ford 57, Detroit Collegiate Prep 20
Detroit Osborn 60, Detroit Central 53
Dollar Bay 71, Houghton 60
Dowagiac Union 57, Vicksburg 50
Dryden 59, Genesee 50
Durand 73, Montrose 49
Edwardsburg 63, South Haven 41
Flushing 80, Swartz Creek 65
Fremont 67, Grant 63
Gobles 60, Coloma 58
Grand Rapids Christian 66, Wyoming 64
Grand Rapids South Christian 59, Hudsonville Unity Christian 56, OT
Grand River Prep 40, Holland Black River 38
Hale 84, Atlanta 49
Hannahville Indian 49, Paradise Whitefish 30
Harbor Springs 72, Kalkaska 59
Harper Woods Chandler Park Academy 70, Pontiac A&T 45
Hillsdale Academy 48, Climax-Scotts 29
Hopkins 82, Kelloggsville 51
Ionia 69, Lansing Catholic 63
Jackson Northwest 59, Hastings 36
Kalamazoo Hackett 29, Constantine 25
Kinde-North Huron 49, Carsonville-Port Sanilac 44
Kingston 50, Peck 33
Lake Odessa Lakewood 47, Olivet 40
Lapeer 66, Bay City Western 35
Leslie 63, Stockbridge 60, OT
Ludington 56, Muskegon Heights 28
Mackinac Island 42, Burt 30
Macomb L'Anse Creuse North 61, Utica Eisenhower 47
Marine City 51, Hazel Park 42
Marlette 44, Memphis 42
Marysville 54, Port Huron 52
Mayville 48, Deckerville 37
Millington 64, Saginaw Michigan Lutheran Seminary 51
Monroe 44, Ann Arbor Skyline 22
Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central 44, Flat Rock 35
Morenci 43, Britton-Deerfield 42
Morley-Stanwood 55, White Cloud 34
Mount Clemens 62, Warren Michigan Collegiate 59
Mount Pleasant 74, Midland Dow 37
Muskegon Orchard View 79, Manistee 34
New Boston Huron 69, Monroe Jefferson 48
Newaygo 77, Howard City Tri-County 51
North Branch 49, Algonac 39
Norway 55, Bark River-Harris 37
Orchard Lake St. Mary's 60, Detroit U-D Jesuit 50
Ortonville Brandon 45, Corunna 42
Ovid-Elsie 47, New Lothrop 40
Parma Western 56, Marshall 48
Perry 59, Lansing Christian 44
Petoskey 71, Gaylord 58
Portage Central 61, Portage Northern 45
Redford Thurston 56, Dearborn Heights Crestwood 44
Reed City 55, Big Rapids 52
Riverview 63, Grosse Ile 39
Rockford 51, Grand Haven 37
Rudyard 55, St. Ignace LaSalle 34
Salem 66, Plymouth 55
Schoolcraft 53, Galesburg-Augusta 21
South Lyon East 54, Walled Lake Northern 42
Southfield Christian 82, Plymouth Christian 38
St. Clair Shores Lakeview 69, Center Line 45
St. Johns 49, Lansing Eastern 44
St. Joseph 59, Niles 54
Stanton Central Montcalm 63, Remus Chippewa Hills 42
Stevensville Lakeshore 65, Mattawan 42
Sturgis 62, Three Rivers 56
Three Oaks River Valley 42, Lawrence 28
Traverse City Central 59, Traverse City West 57
Unionville-Sebewaing 66, Caro 37
Walled Lake Western 60, Milford 51
Warren Cousino HS 49, Fair Haven-Anchor Bay 43
Warren Lincoln 63, Madison Heights 53
Waterford Our Lady 59, Allen Park Cabrini 47
Webberville 84, Morrice 56
West Bloomfield 55, Bloomfield Hills 47
Westwood 60, Ishpeming 48
White Lake Lakeland 66, Waterford Kettering 48
White Pigeon 53, Mendon 34
Williamston 56, Haslett 40
Wyandotte Roosevelt 76, Dearborn Edsel Ford 56
Wyoming Tri-unity Christian 77, Fruitport Calvary Christian 38
Ypsilanti Lincoln 67, Dexter 38
Zeeland East 80, Hamilton 72
Zeeland West 53, Holland 34

Friday's girls scores

Addison 38, Vandercook Lake Jackson 32
Algonac 47, North Branch 33
Allegan 51, Paw Paw 46
Allen Park Inter-City Baptist 66, Lincoln Park 49
Alma 58, Essexville Garber 46
Alpena 54, Petoskey 30
Ann Arbor Huron 53, Bedford 51
Armada 49, Richmond 11
Auburn Hills Avondale 37, North Farmington 31
Battle Creek Lakeview 66, Kalamazoo Loy Norrix 29
Bay City All Saints 44, Caseville 14
Big Rapids 45, Reed City 38
Big Rapids Crossroads Charter Academy 32, Marion 11
Bloomfield Hills Marian 50, Warren Regina 18
Bloomfield Hills Sacred Heart 42, Detroit Cristo Rey 18
Bloomingdale 59, Marcellus 29
Boyne City 53, East Jordan 23
Bridgman 48, Parchment 42, OT
Brooklyn Columbia Central 56, Hudson 9
Brownstown Woodhaven 55, Gibraltar Carlson 18
Burton Bentley 57, Burton Atherton 13
Burton Genesee Christian 44, Burton Bendle 20
Byron Center 51, Holland Christian 27
Caro 56, Unionville-Sebewaing 33
Centreville 51, Bangor 14
Charlevoix 39, Elk Rapids 22
Chesaning 60, Mount Morris 14
Clare 41, Farwell 30
Coldwater 69, Battle Creek Pennfield 37
Coloma 38, Gobles 36
Comstock 40, Berrien Springs 37, OT
Comstock Park 55, Spring Lake 39
Concord 47, Jonesville 37
Davison 41, Grand Blanc 26
DeWitt 43, Holt 41
Dearborn 50, Livonia Franklin 29
Dearborn Divine Child 35, Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard 29
Decatur 43, Hartford 32
Delton Kellogg 54, Lawton 27
Detroit Edison(DEPSA) 76, Pontiac Academy for Excellence 4
Dexter 74, Ypsilanti Lincoln 22
Durand 73, Montrose 49
East Grand Rapids 74, Wayland Union 33
East Lansing 76, Grand Ledge 26
Ecorse 67, Detroit University Science 14
Edwardsburg 54, South Haven 8
Erie-Mason 54, Onsted 51
Evart 53, Roscommon 32
Fair Haven-Anchor Bay 49, Macomb L'Anse Creuse North 46
Farmington Hills Mercy 46, Macomb Lutheran North 33
Fife Lake Forest Area 41, Indian River-Inland Lakes 20
Flint Carman-Ainsworth 81, Flint Powers 46
Flint Kearsley 52, Holly 44
Fowlerville 43, Mason 28
Frankfort 60, Onekama 49
Fremont 62, Grant 29
Garden City 44, Dearborn Heights Robichaud 38
Gladwin 55, Beaverton 39
Grand Rapids Christian 57, Wyoming 51
Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central 54, Lowell 39
Grand Rapids West Catholic 77, West Michigan Aviation 16
Grand River Prep 30, Holland Black River 28
Grand Traverse Academy 57, Bear Lake 26
Greenville 42, Grand Rapids Northview 35
Grosse Pointe South 49, Macomb Dakota 46
Hamilton 53, Zeeland East 49
Hamtramck 43, Taylor Prep 34
Hart 39, Montague 31
Haslett 42, Williamston 31
Hemlock 60, Carrollton 38
Holland West Ottawa 46, Grandville 36
Howard City Tri-County 54, Newaygo 51
Hudsonville 45, East Kentwood 41
Hudsonville Unity Christian 41, Grand Rapids South Christian 39
Ida 52, Blissfield 49
Jenison 53, Grand Rapids Union 39
Kalamazoo Central 53, Richland Gull Lake 47
Kalkaska 48, Harbor Springs 24
Kelloggsville 55, Hopkins 39
Lake City 48, Manton 37
Lake Odessa Lakewood 43, Olivet 37
Lansing Catholic 50, Ionia 47
Lansing Christian 45, Perry 33
Litchfield 51, Burr Oak 28
Ludington 66, Muskegon Heights 17
Mackinaw City 69, Ellsworth 19
Madison Heights Bishop Foley 44, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood 33
Mancelona 34, Central Lake 33
Manistee 38, Muskegon Orchard View 22
Maple City Glen Lake 49, Leland 27
Martin 52, Fennville 41
Mason County Eastern 37, Manistee Catholic Central 34
Mattawan 50, Stevensville Lakeshore 29
McBain 66, Houghton Lake 30
Melvindale 63, Dearborn Heights Annapolis 26
Merrill 48, Coleman 33
Middleville Thornapple Kellogg 37, Ada Forest Hills Eastern 28
Midland 42, Saginaw Heritage 37
Monroe 44, Ann Arbor Skyline 22
Morley-Stanwood 43, White Cloud 33
Morrice 49, Webberville 6
Napoleon 40, Hanover-Horton 30
Ojibwe Charter 41, Beaver Island 34
Ortonville Brandon 45, Corunna 38
Ovid-Elsie 46, New Lothrop 39
Oxford 33, Pontiac Notre Dame Prep 32
Pickford 70, Cedarville 58
Plainwell 45, Otsego 28
Plymouth 60, Salem 47
Plymouth Christian 58, Southfield Christian 16
Portage Central 50, Portage Northern 17
Portland 50, Eaton Rapids 23
Posen 57, Hillman 36
Reading 34, Union City 20
Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest 40, Auburn Hills Oakland Christian 19
Rockford 60, Grand Haven 25
Romulus 51, Redford Union 31
Royal Oak Shrine 44, Detroit Country Day 23
Rudyard 73, St. Ignace LaSalle 22
Saginaw Michigan Lutheran Seminary 38, Millington 27
Saginaw Valley Lutheran 64, St. Louis 22
Saline 47, Ann Arbor Pioneer 40
Sand Creek 54, Clinton 17
Saugatuck 56, Watervliet, N.Y. 36
Sault Ste Marie 61, Cheboygan 31
Schoolcraft 53, Galesburg-Augusta 21
Southfield A&T 56, Birmingham Groves 31
Springport 58, Bronson 25
St. Johns 40, Lansing Eastern 25
St. Joseph 59, Niles 54
Standish-Sterling 50, Birch Run 38
Stockbridge 39, Leslie 35
Tecumseh 35, Jackson 31
Tekonsha 47, Waldron 42
Three Rivers 62, Sturgis 13
Utica Ford 39, Utica 37
Vicksburg 51, Dowagiac Union 33
Walkerville 34, Brethren 30
Walled Lake Western 48, Milford 19
Waterford Mott 41, Walled Lake Central 31
Wolverine 44, Harbor Light Christian 32
Yale 40, Almont 31

BOWLING

LAKESHORE LANES

STARLIGHTERS LEAGUE – Men: Jeremy Gitchell 622 (216), Paul Hoge 593 (248), Ron Fredericks 579 (232). Women: Gina Gitchell 577 (210), Melanee Mangold 517, Mary Briggeman 516 (205). Team: Gitchell-Schaub 1125 (413).

KELLEY'S BOWL

MILLER LITE LADIES – Alanna Swetay 627 (235), Starla Swetay 599 (232), Pam Head 510, Bobbi Smith 499. Team: Swetay/Swetay 1226 (467).
WED. 6:30 A.M. MIXED – Men: Mark Pullins 749 (258), Michael Hendrixson 692, Peter Falcone 684, BJ Pepple 651. Women: Michele Briney 526 (Amber Fleisher 510 (210), Desi Wimmiams 507. Team: Know Balls 2459 (840).

AREA SCHEDULE

Today
Boys basketball

Bridgman at New Buffalo, 7:15
Floyd Mayweather Classic at GR Ottawa Hills
Benton Harbor vs. GR Catholic Central, 4

Wrestling

St. Joseph, Dowagiac at Lakeshore Super Duals, 12
Niles at Lowell Super Duals, 10
South Haven, Coloma, Buchanan at Hopkins Inv., 9
Watervliet, Lawrence, Eau Claire at Marcellus Inv., 9
Brandywine at Bronson Inv., 9
Decatur at Hudson Inv., 9

Boys swimming

St. Joseph, South Haven at Bridgman Inv., 8:45

Competitive cheer

St. Joseph at Mattawan Inv., 9
Berrien Springs at Pinckney, 1

Bowling

Niles, South Haven at Brandywine (Joey Armadillo's), 11

Hockey

Zionsville at Lakeshore-St. Joseph (Howard Ice Arena), 11:50

College basketball

Muskegon CC at LMC men, 3
Muskegon CC at LMC women, 1

Monday, Jan. 20
Boys basketball

Watervliet at Lake Michigan Catholic, 7:30

Girls basketball

Bronson at Buchanan, 7

Competitive cheer

Dowagiac, Lake Michigan Catholic, Lakeshore, St. Joseph, South Haven at Coloma Inv., 6
Berrien Springs at Tecumseh, 1:30

Bowling

Coloma at Comstock (Eastland Bowl), 4

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Friday's men's scores
EAST

Canisius 73, Siena 63
Iona 64, Fairfield 57
Niagara 70, Rider 68
Yale 70, Brown 56

SOUTH

Wofford 66, Furman 52

MIDWEST

Dayton 78, Saint Louis 76
Michigan St. 67, Wisconsin 55

FAR WEST

Hawaii 65, Cal Poly 61

MICHIGAN ST. 67, WISCONSIN 55

WISCONSIN (11-7)

King 4-11 2-2 10, Davison 2-8 5-5 9, Reuvers 7-15 2-3 19, Trice 4-9 0-0 9, Pritzl 1-5 0-0 2, Wahl 0-2 0-0 0, Potter 2-7 0-0 4, Anderson 1-1 0-1 2, Ford 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 21-59 9-11 55.

MICHIGAN ST. (14-4)

Tillman 6-14 3-6 15, Brown 5-5 1-1 13, Winston 3-12 0-0 6, Henry 5-10 2-2 13, Bingham 1-4 0-0 2, Hall 2-4 1-1 5, Watts 4-7 0-0 11, Loyer 1-2 0-0 2, Marble 0-0 0-0 0, Kithier 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 27-58 7-10 67.
Halftime—Michigan St. 35-20. 3-Point Goals—Wisconsin 4-19 (Reuvers 3-6, Trice 1-4, Ford 0-1, King 0-1, Potter 0-1, Pritzl 0-1, Wahl 0-1, Davison 0-4), Michigan St. 6-16 (Watts 3-5, Brown 2-2, Henry 1-2, Bingham 0-1, Loyer 0-1, Tillman 0-2, Winston 0-3). Rebounds—Wisconsin 29 (Reuvers 7), Michigan St. 39 (Tillman 9). Assists—Wisconsin 11 (Davison, Trice 4), Michigan St. 20 (Tillman, Winston 4). Total Fouls—Wisconsin 12, Michigan St. 13. A—14,797 (16,280).

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	27	13	.675	—
Toronto	27	14	.659	½
Phila.	27	16	.628	1½
Brooklyn	18	22	.450	9
New York	11	31	.262	17

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	29	12	.707	—
Orlando	20	22	.476	9½
Charlotte	15	29	.341	15½
Washington	13	28	.317	16
Atlanta	10	32	.238	19½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	37	6	.860	—
Indiana	27	15	.643	9½
Detroit	15	27	.357	21½
Chicago	15	28	.349	22
Cleveland	12	30	.286	24½

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	26	14	.650	—
Dallas	26	15	.634	½
Memphis	20	22	.476	7
San Antonio	17	23	.425	9
New Orleans	16	26	.381	11

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	29	12	.707	—
Utah	28	13	.683	1
Oklahoma City	23	19	.548	6½
Portland	18	24	.429	11½
Minnesota	15	26	.366	14

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	33	8	.805	—
L.A. Clippers	29	13	.690	4½
Phoenix	17	24	.415	16
Sacramento	15	26	.366	18
Golden State	9	34	.209	25

Thursday's Games

Phoenix 121, New York 98
Milwaukee 128, Boston 123
New Orleans 138, Utah 132, OT
Denver 134, Golden State 131, OT
L.A. Clippers 122, Orlando 95

Friday's Games

Phila. 100, Chicago 89
Indiana 116, Minnesota 114
Toronto 140, Washington 111
Memphis 113, Cleveland 109
Miami 115, Oklahoma City 108
Atlanta 121, San Antonio 120
Portland at Dallas

Saturday's Games

L.A. Clippers at New Orleans, 3:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Brooklyn, 6 p.m.
Phoenix at Boston, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Phila. at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Toronto at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Orlando at Golden State, 8:30 p.m.
Portland at Oklahoma City, 9 p.m.
Sacramento at Utah, 9 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Miami at San Antonio, 3 p.m.
Indiana at Denver, 8 p.m.

Monday's Games

Detroit at Washington, 2 p.m.
Toronto at Atlanta, 2:30 p.m.
Phila. at Brooklyn, 3 p.m.
Chicago at Milwaukee, 5 p.m.
New Orleans at Memphis, 5 p.m.
New York at Cleveland, 5 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Houston, 5 p.m.
Orlando at Charlotte, 5 p.m.
Sacramento at Miami, 5 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Indiana at Utah, 9 p.m.
San Antonio at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Golden State at Portland, 10 p.m.

PHILADELPHIA 100, CHICAGO 89

CHICAGO (89)

Dunn 0-3 0-0 0, Markkanen 5-9 0-0 12, Kornet 4-10 3-5 13, LaVine 9-20 5-5 23, Satoransky 3-6 0-0 6, Young 2-5 0-0 4, Felicio 2-2 1-1 5, Hutchison 3-7 0-2 7, Arcidiacono 2-6 0-0 5, White 5-13 2-2 14. Totals 35-81 11-15 89.

PHILADELPHIA (100)

Harris 5-12 3-3 13, Thybulle 2-7 2-2 7, Horford 8-14 2-2 20, Richardson 1-6 0-0 2, Simmons 10-17 0-0 20, Ennis III 2-4 2-2 6, Korkmaz 8-11 2-2 24, O'Quinn 3-5 0-0 6, Scott 0-3 0-0 0, Neto 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 40-82 11-11 100.

Chicago	**24**	**23**	**24**	**18**	**— 89**
Philadelphia	**21**	**25**	**35**	**19**	**— 100**

3-Point Goals—Chicago 8-35 (Markkanen 2-5, White 2-6, Kornet 2-8, Hutchison 1-2, Arcidiacono 1-3, Dunn 0-2, LaVine 0-7), Philadelphia 9-29 (Korkmaz 6-9, Horford 2-6, Thybulle 1-5, Richardson 0-2, Harris 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Chicago 37 (LaVine 7), Philadelphia 44 (Simmons 11). Assists—Chicago 21 (Satoransky 6), Philadelphia 30 (Simmons 7). Total Fouls—Chicago 14, Philadelphia 12. A—20,919 (20,478)

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	49	28	9	12	68	163	129
Tampa Bay	48	29	15	4	62	175	137
Toronto	48	25	16	7	57	174	159
Florida	46	25	16	5	55	170	155
Buffalo	48	22	19	7	51	144	150
Montreal	49	21	21	7	49	150	153
Ottawa	47	16	23	8	40	125	161
Detroit	48	12	32	4	28	103	185

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	48	32	11	5	69	171	140
Pittsburgh	48	30	13	5	65	164	130
N.Y. Islanders	46	28	14	4	60	134	122
Carolina	48	27	18	3	57	153	130
Columbus	48	24	16	8	56	127	126
Philadelphia	48	25	17	6	56	151	149
N.Y. Rangers	46	23	19	4	50	155	153
New Jersey	47	17	23	7	41	126	168

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	48	30	10	8	68	155	129
Colorado	47	26	15	6	58	168	137
Dallas	47	27	16	4	58	125	113
Winnipeg	48	25	19	4	54	146	147
Chicago	48	22	20	6	50	141	153
Nashville	46	21	18	7	49	154	153
Minnesota	47	21	20	6	48	141	159

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Calgary	49	26	18	5	57	133	142
Arizona	50	26	19	5	57	143	131
Vancouver	48	26	18	4	56	158	148
Vegas	50	25	19	6	56	155	151
Edmonton	48	25	18	5	55	148	150
San Jose	49	21	24	4	46	129	163
Anaheim	48	19	24	5	43	122	150
Los Angeles	49	18	26	5	41	124	154

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

Thursday's Games

Boston 4, Pittsburgh 1
Columbus 3, Carolina 2
Florida 4, Los Angeles 3
N.Y. Rangers 3, N.Y. Islanders 2
Montreal 4, Philadelphia 1
Calgary 2, Toronto 1, SO
Washington 5, New Jersey 2
Vegas 4, Ottawa 2
Minnesota 3, Tampa Bay 2
Anaheim 4, Nashville 2
Buffalo 4, Dallas 1
Colorado 4, San Jose 0
Vancouver 3, Arizona 1

Friday's Games

Anaheim 2, Carolina 1, OT
Pittsburgh 2, Detroit 1, OT
Tampa Bay 7, Winnipeg 1

Saturday's Games

Washington vs. N.Y. Islanders at Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum, 1 p.m.
St. Louis at Colorado, 3 p.m.
Arizona at Edmonton, 3 p.m.
Calgary at Ottawa, 4 p.m.
New Jersey at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Florida at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Vegas at Montreal, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Minnesota, 9 p.m.
San Jose at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Boston at Pittsburgh, 12:30 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Carolina, 5 p.m.
Winnipeg at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Columbus at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.

Monday's Games

Detroit at Colorado, 3 p.m.
Florida at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

PITTSBURGH 2, DETROIT 1

Pittsburgh	**0**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**—**	**2**
Detroit	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**—**	**1**

First Period—None. Penalties—Nielsen, Det (Slashing), 6:31; Crosby, Pit (Tripping), 6:36; Helm, Det (Tripping), 11:14.
Second Period—1, Detroit, Zadina 6 (Nielsen, Daley), 3:29 (pp). Penalties—Aston-Reese, Pit (Holding), 1:59; Pettersson, Pit (Tripping), 9:35.
Third Period—2, Pittsburgh, Rust 20 (Letang, Malkin), 3:36 (pp). Penalties—Helm, Det (Tripping), 3:07; Pettersson, Pit (High Sticking), 8:05.
Overtime—3, Pittsburgh, Crosby 8 (Rust, Malkin), 1:33 (pp). Penalties—Glendening, Det (Interference), 1:12.
Shots on Goal—Pittsburgh 11-7-15-4—37. Detroit 9-10-10-0—29.
Power-play opportunities—Pittsburgh 2 of 4; Detroit 1 of 4.
Goalies—Pittsburgh, Murray 14-6-4 (29 shots-28 saves). Detroit, Howard 2-16-2 (37-35).
A—19,515 (20,000). T—2:21.
Referees—Jake Brenk, Kyle Rehman.
Linesmen—Tyson Baker, Derek Nansen.

NFL

Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 19

Tennessee at Kansas City, 3:05 p.m. (CBS)
Green Bay at San Francisco, 6:40 p.m. (FOX)

Pro Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 26
At Orlando, Fla.

AFC vs. NFC, 3 p.m. (ESPN)

Super Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 2

NFC champion vs. AFC champion, 6:30 p.m. (FOX)

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
Major League Baseball

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF BASEBALL – Suspended Colorado RHP Justin Lawrence 80 games for a positive test for Dehydrochlormethyltestosterone (DHCMT), a performance-enhancing substance, a violation of Major League Baseball's Joint Drug Prevention and Treatment Program.

American League

DETROIT TIGERS – Acquired C Jhon Nunez from Boston for LHP Matt Hall.

National League

CINCINNATI REDS – Agreed to terms LHP Jesse Biddle on a minor league contract.
LOS ANGELES DODGERS – Acquired INF Clayton Daniel from the Chicago Cubs for RHP Casey Sadler.
SAN DIEGO PADRES – Agreed to terms with RHP Craig Stammen on a two-year contract. Designated LHP Nick Margevicius for assignment. Named Pete Zamora pitching coach for El Paso (PCL); Mike McCoy manager and Patrick O'Sullivan hitting coach for Lake Elsinore (Cal); Leo Rosales pitching coach and Jonathan Meyer fielding coach for Fort Wayne (MWL); Vinny Lopez manager, Gorman Heimueller pitching coach, Raul Gonzalez hitting coach and Luis Mendez fielding coach for Tri-City (NWL); and Oscar Salazar manager for Peoria 2 (Arizona).
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS – Agreed to terms with LHP Drew Smyly on a one-year contract.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association

GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS – Assigned F Alen Smailagic to Santa Cruz (NBAGL).

FOOTBALL
National Football League

NEW YORK GIANTS – Named Jason Garrett offense coordinator, Patrick Graham defense coordinator and assistant head coach and Thomas McGaughey special teams coach.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League

NHL – Fined Nashville F Viktor Arvidsson $2,000 as supplementary discipline for embellishing. Fined New York Rangers D Ryan Lindgren $2,486.56 for interference against New York Islanders F Jordan Eberle during a Jan. 16 game.
ARIZONA COYOTES – Recalled D Kyle Capobianco from Tucson (AHL). Assigned G Ivan Prosvetov to Tucson.
BOSTON BRUINS – Waived F David Backes.
DALLAS STARS – Acquired F Oula Palve from Pittsburgh for D John Nyberg and assigned him to Texas (AHL).
NASHVILLE PREDATORS – Reassigned F Yakov Trenin and D Alexandre Carrier and Jarred Tinordi to Milwaukee (AHL).
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING – Reassigned F Alexander Volkov to Syracuse (AHL).

GOLF

The American Express Par Scores
Friday
La Quinta, Calif.
s-Stadium Course (Host Course); 7,113 yards; Par 72
q-La Quinta Counry Club; 7,060 yards; par 72
n-Nicklaus Tournament Course; 7,159 yards; par 72
Purse: $6.7 million
Second Round

Rickie Fowler	65q-64n—129	-15
Scottie Scheffler	65q-64n—129	-15
Andrew Landry	66s-64q—130	-14
Tony Finau	69q-62n—131	-13
Bud Cauley	68q-64n—132	-12
Ted Potter, Jr.	70s-63q—133	-11
Sungjae Im	67q-66n—133	-11
Ryan Moore	68q-65n—133	-11
Cameron Davis	66n-67s—133	-11
Wes Roach	68q-65n—133	-11
Chase Seiffert	66s-67q—133	-11
Brian Harman	67q-67n—134	-10
Maverick McNealy	69q-65n—134	-10
Sepp Straka	69n-65s—134	-10
Zac Blair	64q-70n—134	-10
Alex Noren	67n-67s—134	-10
Michael Gligic	69n-65s—134	-10
Adam Schenk	66n-69s—135	-9
Sebastián Muñoz	67n-68s—135	-9
Nick Taylor	67q-68n—135	-9
Scott Piercy	67q-68n—135	-9
Grayson Murray	64s-71q—135	-9
Abraham Ancer	68q-67n—135	-9
Paul Casey	68q-67n—135	-9
Patrick Rodgers	69s-66q—135	-9
J.T. Poston	67n-69s—136	-8
Ben Martin	72n-64s—136	-8
Tim Wilkinson	71q-65n—136	-8
Tom Hoge	66s-70q—136	-8
Kevin Na	69n-67s—136	-8
Andrew Putnam	67q-69n—136	-8
Brendan Steele	70q-66n—136	-8
John Huh	67n-69s—136	-8
Bill Haas	68q-68n—136	-8
Matthew Wolff	67q-69n—136	-8
Matthew NeSmith	68s-68q—136	-8
Hank Lebioda	65n-71s—136	-8
Ryan Brehm	69s-67q—136	-8
Brian Stuard	67n-70s—137	-7
Daniel Berger	69q-68n—137	-7
Brandon Hagy	74s-63q—137	-7
Russell Knox	66n-71s—137	-7
Roger Sloan	66n-71s—137	-7
Kyoung-Hoon Lee	68s-69q—137	-7
Brendon Todd	69n-68s—137	-7
Aaron Wise	70q-67n—137	-7
Sebastian Cappelen	67n-70s—137	-7
Jhonattan Vegas	68n-69s—137	-7
Matt Every	70n-67s—137	-7
Josh Teater	67q-70n—137	-7
Hudson Swafford	70q-67n—137	-7
Isaiah Salinda	67n-70s—137	-7
Charley Hoffman	74q-63n—137	-7
Kevin Streelman	67q-70n—137	-7
Russell Henley	68n-70s—138	-6
Jason Dufner	67s-71q—138	-6
Tyler McCumber	67s-71q—138	-6
Doc Redman	68s-70q—138	-6
D.J. Trahan	69s-69q—138	-6
Scott Stallings	67n-71s—138	-6
Nick Watney	67s-71q—138	-6
Kyle Stanley	70q-68n—138	-6
Bronson Burgoon	72s-66q—138	-6
Charles Howell III	70s-68q—138	-6
Doug Ghim	68n-70s—138	-6
Cameron Tringale	69s-69q—138	-6
Cameron Champ	67n-71s—138	-6
J.J. Spaun	71s-68q—139	-5
Sam Ryder	69s-70q—139	-5
Troy Merritt	71s-68q—139	-5
Max Homa	71s-68q—139	-5
Vincent Whaley	71n-68s—139	-5
Bo Hoag	71q-68n—139	-5
Harris English	71n-68s—139	-5
David Hearn	71q-68n—139	-5
Denny McCarthy	71s-68q—139	-5
Wyndham Clark	71q-68n—139	-5
Bo Van Pelt	72q-67n—139	-5
Sam Burns	71s-68q—139	-5
Adam Long	69q-70n—139	-5
Fabián Gómez	69s-70q—139	-5
Tyler Duncan	66n-73s—139	-5
Jimmy Walker	71s-68q—139	-5

U-M falls at Iowa

IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) — Luka Garza scored 33 points and four Iowa players scored in double figures as the Hawkeyes beat No. 19 Michigan 90-83 on Friday night.

Garza, the Big Ten's scoring leader, had a career-high 44 points in Iowa's 103-91 loss at Michigan on Dec. 6. He was just as effective in this game, going 10 of 18 from the field and 11 of 13 from the line as he repeatedly drew fouls from the Wolverines.

CJ Fredrick had 21 points, Joe Wieskamp 20, and Ryan Kriener came off the bench to score 14 for the Hawkeyes.

Iowa (13-5, 4-3 Big Ten), which led by as many as 11 points in the first half, trailed 74-68 with 7:44 to play before going on a 10-0 run that included seven points by Garza.

Eli Brooks broke out of a shooting slump to lead Michigan (11-6, 2-4) with 25 points. Brooks, who had scored just 15 points in the last three games while making just 1 of 14 3-pointers, was 9 of 17 from the field and 5 of 11 from long range.

SPARTANS

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earlier this week

hp OUTDOORS

Submitting hunting or fishing photos

Have a behemoth buck, a tremendous turkey or super-sized salmon? Please submit photos to sports@TheHP.com.

Your photo must be in focus, all persons in the photo must be identified, and the general location of the hunt must be provided (for example, 10-point buck shot in Benton Township, black bear shot near Munising, Mich., etc.)

Yellow-bellied sapsuckers seen locally

Yellow-bellied sapsuckers are aptly named as they rely heavily on tree sap for food. They also eat insects, fruit and berries and in winter months will eat suet.

Jonathan Wuepper
Southwest Michigan Wildlife

The species is common in the northern woods of Canada and northern Michigan during the nesting season, where it utilizes nesting cavities in birch, aspen and tulip trees.

Your chances of seeing a yellow-bellied sapsucker in this area are greatest when they pass through northward from the southern U.S. during April, and again in September and October during the southward flight. Sapsuckers are absent over most of the southern half of the Lower Peninsula during

See **WUEPPER**, page C6

Photo provided

A yellow-bellied sapsucker in Berrien Township on Dec. 18.

Feeling squirrely

By RYAN SOULARD
Michigan Department of Natural Resources

As I sat piled up in the recliner, regretting that second helping of ham on Christmas day, I was delighted by the various photos people were sharing, coming across my phone, of their families and the holiday memories they were making.

Social media, as bleak as it may seem some days with rants and raves of all shapes and sizes, sometimes really can provide some A+ content, and facilitate connections I wouldn't otherwise have.

One particular set of photos really stuck out to me – those of my friend from West Michigan, Heather Iverson. Here I was loafing around the house, thinking about how it was as warm out as many spring trout season outings, and then there was Heather and her family out enjoying state lands on Christmas day.

Filled with "outdoor jealousy," I was thinking how much fun it would've been if I had spent a little time outdoors on Christmas.

However, with the sun quickly waning and dark coming, I would have to settle for living vicariously through Heather's photos of her family's day afield squirrel hunting, that she had so beautifully captured and shared on social media.

I asked Heather why squirrel hunting ranks so highly on her family's list of favorite things to do outdoors.

"One of my favorite parts of squirrel hunting is that it is a great group activity, especially to get kids exposed to hunting," she said. "We bring our 8- and 3-year-old and it is so much fun to spend time in the woods as a family.

"You see squirrels all the time and think hunting them would be easy, but they are very quick and can disappear in the blink of an eye. So, when you see one, it gets your heart pumping while you try to keep an eye on them and set yourself up for the best shot. Even if you come home empty handed you still are ahead because you had a great hike in these beautiful Michigan woods with people you enjoy."

Iverson said squirrels are also very good to eat. One of our favorite dishes is pulled barbecue squirrel sandwiches.

See **SQUIRREL**, page C6

Conquering the Hawg Trough

Climbing about 12 feet up a shaky metal ladder and stepping onto the front part of a bass boat that hangs over one end of a giant aquarium is fun but a little scary, especially with strangers watching. Inside the big tank are lots of largemouth bass, a catfish or two, and several panfish.

Dave Mull

I made the climb three times last week at the Ultimate Fishing Show at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi, giving seminars on fishing little baits that catch lots of fish.

I've lost track, but I think this is the fifth or sixth year I've been a Hawg Trough speaker. It really is a cool experience.

First of all, at least a few of the two or three dozen folks sitting in chairs and watching me and the fish are genuinely interested in learning something. These are usually two or three teenage buddies hanging out together or young, fishing-obsessed kids with their dads. They are the audience members who ask questions, stay the whole 45 minutes I speak and who greet me when I climb back down. They want a closer look at the baits I was tossing into the tank.

Well, mostly into the tank. In my three presentations I only missed the water and hit the concrete floor with a hookless lure once – a pretty good average for me. These folks also want to see

See **MULL**, page C6

Photo courtesy of Mike Anderson

Dave Mull finds giving Hawg Trough seminars fun but a little intimidating.

The late Dr. Larissa Minicucci leaves a legacy with animals, tribes and beyond

By DENNIS ANDERSON
Star Tribune (Minneapolis)

Chronic wasting disease would seem a far cry from a love potion, but that night while quaffing beer, Lou Cornicelli thought he might finally have found something useful about the deer-killing affliction whose acronym, CWD, had shadowed him like a ghoul since it was first discovered in Minnesota two years earlier.

The date was Oct. 23, 2003, and Cornicelli, then the Department of Natural Resources big game program leader, had finished a CWD presentation to University of Minnesota veterinary staff and students an hour or two earlier, detailing for them the always-fatal neurological disorder that strikes moose and elk, in addition to deer.

Now Cornicelli and a handful of professors were chit-chatting while hoisting brews at a watering hole not far from the U's St. Paul campus.

The suds were cold and the conversation good. But neither held Cornicelli's attention like the diminutive, dark-haired woman at the table whose smile and laughter quickened his pulse and who was, as he was, unmistakably Italian.

Minicucci was her name. Larissa Minicucci.

"I loved her from the start," Cornicelli, 53, said the other day. "She was the smartest person I've known."

Cornicelli was speaking in the past tense because Minicucci, who became his wife at a celebratory pig roast in 2006, died

See **LEGACY**, page C6

Courtesy Lou Cornicelli/Minneapolis Star Tribune/TNS

Dr. Larissa Minicucci, a professor at the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine, also served as a de facto wildlife veterinarian for the Department of Natural Resources, coaxed into action by her husband Lou Cornicelli, DNR wildlife research manager. Minicucci died in November of colon cancer.

Warren Dunes

Volunteer stewardship work days: 1-4 p.m. Jan 19 and 26. Meet at the picnic ground between the park headquarters and the campground. Volunteers will help remove non-native woody bushes and vines from dune areas. No experience is necessary. Dress for the weather, bring a pair of work gloves and hand trimmers if you have them. For more information, contact Heidi M. Frei at freih@michigan.gov.

Sarett Nature Center

Wine, glide and dine: 6-9 p.m. Jan. 25. Ski (or walk if there is no snow) over Sarett's trails. Bring a head light to help navigate. Stop to enjoy a fire and hot cider or mulled wine. The trail will end at the nature center where coffee, tea and hot chocolate will be waiting. Bring a dish to pass, your own table service and favorite beverage. Cost is $5 ($3 for members). Call 927-4832 to register.

Winter bird outing: 10 a.m. Feb. 1. A group will travel to where the birds are – it could be Allegan State Game Area for eagle watching or around Berrien County for snowy owls. Plan to make a morning and early afternoon of it. Dress for the weather. Cost is $15 ($10 for members). Call 927-4832 to register.

Fernwood Botanical Garden

Wild Ones meeting: 12:30 p.m. Jan. 26. Meetings held the last Sunday of each month. Get involved with restoring native plants, natural landscapes, and pollinators to your backyard and local community. For more information on Wild Ones, please visit www.wildones.org or contact Heather Catania at skaarcat@aol.com.

Winter exploration for kids: 2-4 p.m. Feb. 1. Children ages 6-10 explore the wintry trails to look for animal tracks and other winter features. Dress for walking the trails. Cost is $10 ($8 for members).

Berrien County Sportsman's Club

Trap and skeet shooting: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sundays, 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays.

Coloma Rod & Gun Club

Carrying concealed weapon classes: 8 a.m.-5 p.m second Saturday of each month. Cost is $105. Call Andrew Zachary at 351-2051 or 944-7802.

Trap shooting: Thursdays 6-10 p.m. and Sundays from 8 a.m.-noon.

Archery: Ranges open for members at any time; public hours are 8 a.m.-noon Sundays and Thursdays 6-10.

Breakfast: Breakfast is available from 8 a.m. to noon every Sunday. For more information, go online to www.colomarodandgunclub.com.

Watervliet Rod & Gun Club

Carrying concealed weapon classes: 6-10 p.m. Feb. 6; 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Feb. 8. Register from 6-7 p.m. Feb. 4. Saturday class features an attorney or police officer to speak and answer questions, an NRA course, personal protection in the home, and three hours of range time with one-on-one supervision. Cost is $100. Call 468-3837 to register.

Submit information for Get Outdoors to sports@TheHP.com, fax to 429-4392 or call 429-1294 by Wednesday.

Michigan DNR photo

{span}From left, Silas, Heather, Leeland and Kayden Iverson from Allegan pose for a photo after a successful squirrel hunt.{/span}

SQUIRREL

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"I do a ciabatta roll with a bed of coleslaw, then the BBQ squirrel, a slice of swiss and top with a few slices of jalapeno," she said. "If you haven't tried squirrel hunting, it is something I highly suggest, whether you are a beginner or seasoned hunter."

A few days before Christmas, I was attending a great potluck gathering at a coworker's house. The subject of squirrel hunting came up when I asked Michigan Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Division employee Kelsey Fisher what she was going to be up to over the holidays.

"I really hope squirrel hunting," she said.

It was a few days later when, once again, I was delighted to see a squirrel hunting social media post, one that not only talked about her successful hunting experience, but also included some great words of respect for her quarry.

"As one sits against an old white oak, the natural inclination is to thank the universe for the ability to hunt and experience nature with such a deep connection," she wrote.

I reached out to Kelsey and asked her what it is about squirrel hunting that really excites her.

"Squirrel hunting is a timeless tradition that I don't want to see disappear into the past. I squirrel hunt because it brings back memories of learning to hunt and honing my marksmanship skills when I was young," Fisher said. "It provides insight into the natural world and an escape from the everyday clutter of the technology era. It provides delicious food for the table that can be shared with hunters and non-hunters alike.

"Squirrel hunting provides a mentor with a way to introduce new and interested hunters into the world of hunting and outdoor recreation. I squirrel hunt for all these reasons and many more."

Sitting inside the house and watching the squirrels demolish our "squirrel-proof" bird feeders and how tame they can be sometimes could give the false impression these animals are easy to hunt.

Once you leave the city and get into the squirrels' element, some days it almost feels like you are the one being hunted by them.

"What was that?" you think as you spin around at the sound of a falling walnut shell. You then hear a squirrel barking and carrying on in the treetops. You look all over the place, as if you are under attack.

When they are 20-plus feet above you, looking down, they have the upper hand, and some days pursuing them isn't as easy as one may think.

Squirrel hunting is something that I have always done sporadically, and I really have no good reason for that.

For starters, as Heather mentioned, they are delicious to eat. They also provide a great reason to be outdoors and can be a quite challenging quarry at times.

I tell people that some of the best times to go for a walk in the woods and look for squirrels are the winter days when the sun is warm, and you don't necessarily need a heavy coat.

But if it is cold and bitter, think like a critter. On some of those brutally cold and windy days, squirrels, and rabbits for that matter, often will hole up in their dens, much like a person would curl up with a good book by a warm fire on a winter's day. With some sun and a more comfortable winter day, they will be out and about, eating, socializing and moving around.

I have always liked to go out first thing in the morning, once it is light enough to see the canopies of the trees well, and again at midday. My midday approach would be much different than the morning, in the sense that I would stalk along very slowly in the morning, sitting down occasionally, looking for squirrel sign.

One such day I remember was when I took my wife along with me in late February, when temperatures had really warmed up for a few days. We headed to the Middleville State Game Area near Grand Rapids and set off with no agenda.

I wanted to look for some old elm and ash trees for morel mushroom season, scout roost trees for upcoming spring turkey hunting and, if luck was on my side, hunt some squirrels.

I took the .22 rifle my dad gave me for my 16th birthday and a couple clips of ammo and we set off on our walk. Lots of good-looking squirrel areas in the hardwoods, but no squirrels.

"I think these were high-pressured squirrels that had evolved due to being in a high traffic area," I thought to myself. As the day warmed and lunchtime was calling, we made our way back toward the truck.

Just then, I glanced up to see a squirrel hiding in the forked trunk of a tree. In one motion, I pulled my gun up and let a shot fly.

"What in the world?" my wife asked, as her back was turned. She didn't see me drawing my gun up. I let out a cheer that could be heard back to Interstate 96 10 miles away.

"Got him!" That squirrel not only made a delicious addition to a stew, but his tail was saved for fly tying. Squirrel tail is a very commonly used material in making fishing flies and other lures.

So instead of sitting in the easy chair, dust off that .22, .410, 12-gauge or even a pellet gun, grab some hunter orange garb, and explore that favorite deer hunting spot for those furry friends who tormented you all deer season making your heart race thinking that big buck was coming down the trail, only to see a gray or fox squirrel chattering below your stand.

You'll be glad you did.

LEGACY

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Nov. 16 at age 45 of metastatic colon cancer.

An associate professor at the U who held a master's degree in public health as well as a veterinary degree, Minicucci left behind a trail of grief that wound from her hometown in Connecticut through Penn State and Cornell universities, where she studied, to the Twin Cities and farther north still, to tribal homes at Mille Lacs, Leech Lake and White Earth.

En route, she was valedictorian of her high school class, homecoming queen at Penn State, a researcher at the U and at the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, a lifeline to the disadvantaged, a teacher extraordinaire, an over-the-top football and baseball fan, a paddler, hunter, angler, hiker ...

And an animal lover.

"This is Daisy," Cornicelli said, introducing a 6-month-old Nova Scotia duck tolling retriever. "At first, Larissa wanted to get a border collie. But we weren't going to get sheep, so she gave up the border collie idea and settled on a toller.

"This was before she was diagnosed. When the puppy finally became available, Larissa was already well along with her sickness. But in these situations, you don't think the end is coming. Not really. So we got the puppy."

Monte Fronk would have expected no less.

The emergency management director for the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, Fronk, 51, met Minicucci 10 years ago when she and a veritable classroom of U veterinary staff and students descended on the Mille Lacs reservation.

The intent of the Student Initiative for Reservation Veterinary Services (SIRVS), of which Minicucci was founder and a faculty adviser, was to provide free spaying and neutering for band members' cats and dogs, as well as wellness care, such as nail trimming and teeth cleaning.

"Oftentimes our community members can't get off the reservation to have their pets cared for," Fronk said. "Or they can't afford it. We are very spiritual beings, and that extends to our pets. We believe a healthy animal outside means a healthy family inside. I would always tell Larissa that two months before she and the students came, we'd get calls from members wanting to make sure they didn't miss her. This year Larissa and the others did 50 surgeries. They set up for surgery in our community center, starting at 8 in the morning and finishing at 11 at night."

Marilou Chanrasmi, 55, met Minicucci when she brought SIRVS to the Leech Lake Ojibwe Reservation.

"Working with tribal communities isn't like working with other communities," said Chanrasmi, who volunteers at Leech Lake. "It takes years to build trust. You can't go in and expect to do things a certain way. You have to have a way about you. Larissa had that. In the 10 years I worked with her at Leech Lake, she was considered a partner of the tribe, and that doesn't happen very often."

One time, Chanrasmi said, Minicucci and others from the veterinary school had scheduled a "VetCamp" session at Leech Lake, in which kids learn about veterinary medicine, including how to provide emergency treatment for "Molly," a simulation dog.

"The camp is for high school kids," Chanrasmi said. "But I was approached by a teacher of grade schoolers, probably 20 of them, some as young as 8 years old, who were in the school and wanted to attend. Thinking it would be chaos, I asked Larissa. She just said, 'Sure, of course. We'll make it work.' It didn't even faze her."

After Minicucci died, Mille Lacs, Leech Lake and White Earth leaders wanted to recognize her contributions to them, and their love for her. Opening the Mille Lacs tribal museum on Dec. 15, they welcomed Minicucci's students and colleagues, along with band members from near and far. Food was served. A drum song was played. Stories were told.

"Larissa's time of travel had come," Fronk said. "All of the Ojibwe people she provided care for, not just the animals but the people themselves, wanted to remember her in a good way.

"Lou, of course, Larissa's husband, was there, and there was much love for him, too, and for his future journey."

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the knot I tie to connect the leader to the main line, and almost always ask where they can get the baits I was throwing.

That latter question comes because most of the little Ned rigs and other finesse lures provoke bites from the bass and bluegills. I think maybe that's because these fish get fed small minnows and are tuned in to biting small stuff.

The lures have hooks, but no hook points. We're required to remove all hooks or clip off the business end so no fish can actually get impaled. Still, every once in awhile, enough curve is left in the wire that a fish somehow gets hooked and brought all the way to the platform. I just hope the guy who runs the Hawg Trough business isn't watching when it happens. (Incidentally, the Ohio-based fellow who owns the Hawg Trough has three additional tanks and his business is reportedly for sale for $2.2 million.)

It's interesting to be up there and watch the crowd as you impart fishing information upon them. While the aforementioned interested anglers watch on purpose, many other audience members have just found a place to sit down after wandering the concrete aisles for a few hours. This last week I noted just one guy fighting and eventually losing a battle with sleep.

As I write this, I think back to what I had to say and how I demonstrated the lures and think that when I deliver a few more seminars in March at the Ultimate Outdoors Show in Grand Rapids, I'll actually show how different retrieves spark different levels of interest in the fish. Normally I just have the goal of showing how the fish react to different lures.

I always wear a PFD, the same vest I wear when fishing from a kayak. I do this mainly to show how I keep my phone, scissors, a spool of leader material and other stuff in the different pockets. I also give a sermon of a few seconds about the importance of wearing them while fishing.

I think somewhere in the back of my mind I fear actually falling into the tank, which would be epic, but highly embarrassing. I'm certain that my kayak fishing buddies who make sure and tell me they're going to attend just to heckle (but never do) would not be prepared to capture the tremendous splash with their phones, but would certainly get some footage of me sputtering as I try to climb back out.

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Photo provided / Brad Anderson

{span}Two drake mallards and one hen fly near Cowles Bog in LaPorte County, Ind.{/span}

WUEPPER

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June through the middle of August.

The yellow-bellied sapsucker can be found, albeit sparingly, in Southwest Michigan from November through March. Most local winter sightings are found during annual Christmas Bird Censuses, often along wooded riverbanks, or wooded areas along Lake Michigan such as Grand Mere and Warren Dunes State Parks. Sapsuckers visit suet feeders occasionally in winter, usually during spells of cold weather.

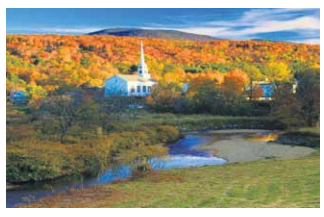
Brad Anderson of Bridgman sent in a photo of three mallards in flight. The mallard is the most widespread duck in the world and is a permanent resident in Southwest Michigan.

In Anderson's photo, we see two drake mallards on the right and a hen on the left. Male mallards have a green head and chestnut brown coloration on the upper chest.

Sarett Nature Center's Brown Sanctuary often hosts large concentrations of mallards during the winter months. Other places to look for mallards and other waterfowl include the Grand Mere Lakes, Paw Paw Lake and the St. Joseph-Benton Harbor waterfront.

Peg Kohring of Weesaw Township saw a male eastern towhee at her bird feeder on Jan. 11. Eastern towhees are common summer residents, but in winter they are virtually absent from Michigan.

Jonathan Wuepper is an area naturalist. Report your sightings to him at wuepperj@gmail.com.



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Voters stand in line waiting to cast their ballot at Bow Elementary School in Detroit on Nov. 6, 2018.

'Turnout is going to be huge'

Election Day in Michigan could turn into a national embarrassment

By KATHLEEN GRAY
Detroit Free Press

DETROIT — Two Michigan elections experts have some record-breaking predictions for 2020 that could end up putting Michigan in a potentially embarrassing national spotlight.

Chris Thomas, the former Michigan director of elections at the Secretary of State's Office, said Michigan is on track for a record-breaking turnout in 2020, reaching up to 5.3 million voters. The last time Michigan came anywhere close to that total was 2008 when 5 million Michiganders cast ballots.

Mark Grebner, the founder of the East Lansing-based Practical Political Consulting, which tracks voters and voting trends in Michigan, had an even more eye-popping prediction of 6 million votes in November.

"Turnout is going to be huge," Grebner said. "And there are going to be big problems."

They both cited the enthusiasm shown in the 2018 election cycle when a record 4.3 million voters cast ballots in an off-year election. That total busted the previous record by more than a half-million votes and both expect that the controversial presidency of Donald Trump will only see higher than normal civic engagement rates in 2020.

"This election is going to be so defining that the turnout is going to be on the same trajectory as the 2018 election," Thomas said.

Adding hundreds of thousands of voters, many of whom will now be able to cast their ballots by voting absentee, will overwhelm local clerks with ballots that they can't begin counting until 7 a.m. on Election Day.

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JOCELYN BENSON
Secretary of State

And that could translate into Michigan not being able to tally and announce the results of the 2020 election until a day or two after the polls close on Nov. 3, Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson said.

"Due to the great increase in voting by mail, without a change in law, it is likely that clerks across the state won't be able to finish counting ballots on election night," she said in a statement.

Consider, the largest turnout in Michigan' history was 2008, when 5,039,080 people cast ballots and Barack Obama won the presidency. The last two presidential elections had 4.7 million voters in 2012 and 4.8 million in 2016.

In the last 20 years in off-year elections, when the governor's office is up for grabs, the number of votes cast has ranged from 2.6 million to 3.8 million votes until 2018, when 4.3 million voters swamped polling places and gave Democrats big wins in federal, state and local elections.

In 2018, Michigan voters overwhelmingly passed a ballot proposal that allows anyone to vote by absentee ballot and the numbers in 2019 elections across the state showed that voters took advantage of the new privilege with some communities reporting 50, 60, even 80 percent of residents voting absentee.

In addition, the new law allows people to register to vote – and cast ballots – through Election Day, meaning clerks will be tied up with that responsibility, too, as they're trying to run the election and count the new flood of absentee ballots. The old law cut off voting registration 30 days before an election.

It's a recipe for the state and nation to be collectively holding its breath on election night and the days beyond, waiting for final results.

"I would not be surprised if we don't know the results Tuesday night," Thomas said. "Let's see how far into Wednesday it will go."

In 2020, such a delay could be decisive. In 2016, Michigan was one of three states that delivered the electoral votes needed to deliver the presidency to Republican Donald Trump by narrow margins.

All three states – Wisconsin and Pennsylvania were the other two – had traditionally voted for Democrats in presidential races, including Michigan, which had gone blue every election cycle dating to 1992. In 2016, however, state voters chose Trump by 10,704 votes out of 4.8 million votes cast, the smallest margin in the country.

There's a simple solution, Benson said.

"Allow clerks to begin counting absentee ballots before Election Day so that they can spend it ensuring our elections are secure and all ballots are accurately counted," she said.

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Your Someday is in the making today

Lori Borgman

This is for all the mothers and fathers who dream about Someday.

When our three children were small and I'd clean up after baths for the thousandth time, pick wet towels off the floor, squeeze water out of yellow rubber ducks and call the kids to come back and brush their teeth, I often thought of Someday.

Someday I'd do something important.

When I read bedtime stories, the same stories I'd read so many times that I knew them by memory, my eyes glazed over, my brain froze from the repetition and my mind wandered to Someday.

Someday life wouldn't be so routine.

When I stared at a pound of frozen ground beef, considering my two standard options of spaghetti or sloppy Joes, trying to remember when we last had what, and if anyone else noticed this culinary rut, I thought of Someday.

Someday I'd be creative.

Someday we'd eat food that required table knives. Someday we'd have a meal and nobody would fall off a chair, flip a serving spoon out of a bowl of peas or knock over a glass of milk.

When I had to have another nose-to-nose about lying and honesty, the consequences of disobeying and why you don't take a swipe at your sibling, I thought of Someday.

Then one day I had an epiphany. I wasn't one who was going to leave a mark on the world or build an empire. But I was going to leave a mark on this family, and I already had an empire. It was right under my nose, nestled snug in bed by 8 o'clock.

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Want to inherit grandma's fine china?

Many younger folks saying 'no thanks'

By TRACEE M. HERBAUGH
Associated Press

Last summer, I cleaned out the house where my Grandma lived for 60 years.

Every nook and cranny was filled with something – papers, mugs, old photographs, knickknacks, furniture. There were also two complete sets of Johann Haviland china – from plates and platters to an ornate coffee pot.

What to do with all these fancy dishes?

The reasons not to keep Grandma's china were many. My family is casual, not traditional. We live in a small home outside Boston and have moved four times in the last decade. Most importantly, I'm kind of a minimalist. I just don't like having a lot of unnecessary things.

Photo provided / Tracee Herbaugh / AP

China sits for sale at a flea market in Brimfield, Mass. China has become a staple at flea markets, as younger people opt to sell or donate heirloom dishware.

As it turns out, a lot of 30-somethings like me face this quandary.

"Multiple generations of china in one house (or, more specifically, basement) seems to be a common American condition," said Adam Minter, who wrote the new "Secondhand: Travels in the New Global Garage Sale."

The book follows what happens to possessions once they're donated. Minter was inspired to write it after dropping off his mother's china at Goodwill. It was the last of his mother's possessions that he and his sister dealt with.

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CHINA

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"We put it off, mostly because we know my mother loved it," Minter said. "But neither of us actually wanted it."

China's waning appeal

The five enormous boxes I filled with Grandma's blue garland china, which she purchased in the 1980s from the grocery store where she worked, sat unopened in my basement months after they arrived.

Acquiring a set of china isn't the rite of passage it was decades ago. Some people still collect it, but nowadays it might not even end up on a couple's wedding registry.

"More and more younger people don't see the need to use their space for things that are ceremonial," said Cecilia Jones, a personal organizer and productivity coach in Silver Spring, Md.

Neda Ghaffari, a 37-year-old San Francisco doctor who married last summer, opted to register for modern dinnerware she could use daily or for entertaining. China feels outdated, Ghaffari said, and difficult to maintain, as it normally has to be hand-washed.

"We didn't register for china because we live in a relatively small condo in San Francisco and generally only entertain small groups at a time," she said. "We also have limited storage space in our kitchen."

Moving more frequently and living in tight quarters means people are less likely to accumulate things.

Deidre Bryant, a 32-year-old teacher from Aurora, Colo., registered for off-white plates from Crate and Barrel ahead of her 2017 wedding. As for china, "the thought didn't even cross my mind," she said.

For Maya Brook, a 39-year-old working mother in the Denver area, china just seemed impractical.

"I have three young boys, and the thought of having a bunch of super delicate china in my home just sounds stressful, and like more unneeded clutter," she said.

Brook said that if she inherited a loved one's china, she would probably keep a piece or two to hold on to history and memories.

Many people are donating china sets or selling them online. China is a mainstay at garage sales, secondhand stores or flea markets.

Style has changed, but so have demographics, Minter said.

"Two very affluent generations, the 'Greatest Generation' and the boomers, that acquired stuff at historically high rates are now downsizing and dying," Minter said. "So that's creating a surplus of all kinds of secondhand stuff, heirlooms and otherwise."

In the last few years, Beverly Solomon has been scooping up antique china sets for her Dallas-based business, Beverly Solomon Design, which provides interior design services to restaurants and other businesses.

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This photo taken on Thanksgiving shows Tracee Herbaugh's Johann Haviland Blue Garland china. The china belonged to Herbaugh's grandmother.

Photo provided / Tracee Herbaugh / AP

Plates are up for sale at the Brimfield Flea Market in Brimfield, Mass. With more people forgoing china, it has become plentiful at garage sales and flea markets.

"I'll find boxes of beautiful sets for next to nothing," Solomon said. "It's quite amazing."

What to do if you inherit

The two organizers with whom I spoke said that what I did with Grandma's china would depend on my priorities and values. For instance, is it important to me to keep the sets together? It's not. Do I want to save a set for each of my children? I don't.

"If it sits in the basement and gathers dust, it isn't honoring your grandmother," Jones said. "The question becomes how to keep it alive."

MJ Rosenthal, a Newton, Mass., personal organizer expressed a similar sentiment.

"If I'm saving something, I'll keep it in the condition it deserves," Rosenthal said.

She noted there are specialized storage containers to hold china and protect it from things like mold or corrosion.

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author of "Secondhand: Travels in the New Global Garage Sale"

But I was not about to invest in a new china storage system. For me, it is a priority not to be encumbered by possessions I don't need or use.

Yet the thought of not knowing where it ended up gave me pause.

Both Jones and Rosenthal suggested I keep a few pieces I'd use, and donate the rest.

"In letting it go and knowing you don't have control of it, you are releasing it to the universe," Jones said. "It served its purpose, it had its moment and meaning."

With that bit of wisdom, I pulled out 12 dinner plates, a platter and a few bowls. We used them for our Thanksgiving dinner.

The rest of the china is boxed and headed to Goodwill, where I hope another family can love it like we did.

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Benson testified before the House Elections and Ethics committee last year that clerks should be able to start preparing and running absentee ballots through tabulators four days before the election.

At least 28 states allow clerks to either process absentee ballots by removing them from envelopes and preparing them to run through tabulators on Election Day or process and tabulate votes before Election Day, according to the National Council on State Legislatures.

Michigan clerks are not allowed to do either.

Michigan legislators have introduced some bills to help ease local clerks' burdens, but none have addressed how to deal with the surge in absentee voting or registering to vote on Election Day.

One key lawmaker, former Secretary of State and current Sen. Ruth Johnson, R-Holly, doesn't think clerks should process or count absentee ballots before Election Day.

Grebner's prediction comes with a warning, especially for clerks in heavily populated areas who will see an enormous influx of absentee ballots and late voter registrations

"Cities won't be able to have satellite city halls on Election Day to help with registrations," he said. "So everyone who wants to register and vote on Election Day will have to go to city hall. I don't know how you process 10,000 people on Election Day in Detroit."

The first real test of the new laws will come on March 10, when Michiganders will vote in the presidential primary. And that, too, will be confusing for voters, who have to ask for either a Republican or Democratic ballot.

Currently, there are 15 Democrats and four Republicans on the two ballots. But the presidential candidates had until Dec. 13 to withdraw from the ballot, so there are four Democrats – Cory Booker, Julian Castro, Marianne Williamson and Joe Sestak – and one Republican, Mark Sanford, who have dropped out of the race, but will still be on the primary ballot.

The early voting states are sure to whittle the field down even further, so Michigan voters may want to wait until after the so-called "Super Tuesday" to cast absentee ballots to avoid voting for someone who is no longer in the race.

On March 3, a week before Michigan's presidential primary, 14 states, American Samoa and Democrats abroad will hold their presidential primary elections.

Candidates who are still in the presidential race and on Michigan's primary ballot: Democratic U.S. Sens. Bernie Sanders, Elizabeth Warren, Amy Klobuchar and Michael Bennet; former Vice President Joe Biden; businessmen Michael Bloomberg, Andrew Yang and Tom Steyer; U.S. Rep. Tulsi Gabbard of Hawaii, former South Bend mayor Pete Buttigieg, and former U.S. Rep. John Delaney; on the Republican side: President Donald Trump, former Massachusetts Gov. Bill Weld and former U.S. Rep. Joe Walsh.

Democrat Deval Patrick, also a former governor of Massachusetts, is still in the presidential race, but didn't get enough petition signatures to qualify to be on Michigan's ballot.

ENGAGEMENT

Nichols Bennett

Lettia Nichols and Lonnie Bennett are planning a Sept. 5, 2020, wedding.

Nichols, the daughter of Otis (and the late Gloria) Clark of Benton Harbor, graduated from Benton Harbor High School and attended Ferris State University. She is a customer service representative at Courtyard Marriott in Benton Harbor.

Her fiancé, the son of Lavana and Lonnie Bennett of Benton Harbor, graduated from Benton Harbor High School, and is a machine operator at Harbor Packaging Co., in Benton Harbor.

BAZAARS

NILES: The Sweet Charity Sewing Group will host "Leap Year Cure for Cabin Fever Indoor Shop Hop" from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Feb. 29 at St. John's United Church of Christ, 601 Sycamore St. Admission is $5. There will be quilting-related items from vendors from Indiana, Illinois and Michigan. Food will be provided by Brew Ha Ha. For more information, contact Cathy Marsh at 362-4314 or Sherri Wade at 782-9384.

News of area bazaars and arts and crafts shows will be published Saturdays in The Herald-Palladium. Nonprofit groups that would like to be included should send a news release at least two weeks in advance of the event to Focus, The Herald-Palladium, P.O. Box 128, St. Joseph, MI 49085, or email focus@TheHP.com.

BORGMAN

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The Someday I often dreamed about was being shaped by all the todays and yesterdays. Someday was in the making now.

I was doing something important. Caring and nurturing children, creating family, trying to make a home that is a sanctuary from a rough and tumble world is one of the most important things a person can do.

Creativity? We didn't always have ground beef. Sometimes we had chicken or fish. It wasn't the food that mattered; it was being together around the table, the conversation, the laughing, the connecting.

As for routine, no routine stays the same. But even as the routine changed fundamentals are taught – the fact that choices matter because choices become habits, and habits become a way of being and that is how character takes root.

Sometimes routine meant another lecture on respect for others' property or dealing with a kid who acted up at the grocery store, then later growing misty-eyed reading the apology letter in crooked letters left on my bedside table.

The things that matter most – knowing you're loved and knowing how to love others, being generous, extending charity, working hard and recouping after failures and setbacks – are learned incrementally, one day at a time.

Someday is closer than you think.

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ATTENTION: COUPLES

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United Way of Southwest Michigan

The Herald-Palladium, in conjunction with the United Way of Southwest Michigan, publishes volunteer opportunities every Saturday.

To view all current listings, please visit United Way of Southwest Michigan's volunteer page at **uwsm.org/volunteer.**

Show Me the Money

Summit Financial Wellness will host Show Me the Money Day on Feb. 22. The free event will feature financial products, community resources and financial workshops.

This annual statewide event is designed to kickoff tax season and promote opportunities to increase income, save and build assets.

Volunteers are needed to help register participants, manage door prizes, serve food, help in workshops and assist vendors with setup and breakdown.

For more info, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Do you love gymnastics?

The YMCA of Greater Michiana is looking for volunteers to help with Creative Movement, Intro to Tumbling, and Intro to Gymnastics.

Volunteers will assist children with hand-eye coordination, motor skills, learning gymnastics skills, strength, flexibility and more.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Matter of Balance coaches

The Region IV Area Agency on Aging is looking for volunteer coaches to teach Matter of Balance classes.

"Matter of Balance – Managing Concerns About Falls," is designed to reduce the fear of falling and increase activity levels among older adults.

Volunteer coaches need to be dependable, have good communication/interpersonal skills, enthusiasm, a willingness to lead small groups, and the ability to lead low- to moderate-level exercise.

Upcoming training sessions will be from 1-5 p.m. Jan. 21 and 23.

For more info, contact Julie Schwarz at 982-7759.

Help empower young people

A want versus a need. How to balance a checkbook. Don't you wish someone had taught you those things as you were growing up? Now there is someone: you.

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Junior Achievement provides the training and the curriculum.

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Help change a child's life

A court-appointed special advocate (CASA) volunteer advocates in the community and courtroom for the best interests of foster children in Berrien County.

Berrien CASA is seeking dynamic, energetic volunteers with a passion for children. Training will be provided. Volunteers must be at least 21, have reliable transportation, and pass a background check.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Helping the homeless

If you are passionate about helping the homeless, and interested in street outreach, Emergency Shelter Services is looking for volunteers to help with the PIT count.

The PIT count is a nationwide effort to tally the number of un-sheltered Americans living on the street on a single night in January. Each year, ESS staff and area volunteers take to the streets, the woods, the food pantries, the warming station, and hard-to-reach places to get an official count of the homeless in our area.

ESS staff and volunteers take care kits, blankets, gloves, hats, resource cards and more with them. Training will be provided.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Kids Night Out

The YMCA is hosting a night out for kids, and volunteers are needed. The volunteers will help provide children with a fun, positive and safe evening full off crafts, games, food, swimming and socialization.

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United Way of Southwest Michigan mobilizes the caring power of communities to fight for the health, education and financial stability of every person. Volunteering your time and talent to create lasting solutions that improve life for everyone is an important part in United Way accomplishing this work. Volunteer today and join the fight, by visiting www.uwsm.org.

Is it critical to get a Medigap plan?

Sara Duris
Generations

Q I'm about to turn 65, and I'm so confused by the Medicare options and all the terminology.

Is it critical to get a Medigap plan? What is the difference between copays, coinsurance, excess charges, etc.?

A A Medicare Supplement Insurance policy, or Medigap, helps pay for some of the health care costs that Original Medicare doesn't cover. These policies are sold by private insurance companies, and you pay an additional monthly premium for the coverage.

There are different plans offering varying coverage, but companies can only sell you a "standardized" policy, identified in most states with letters A through D, F, G, and K through N.

All policies offer the same basic benefits, but some offer additional benefits, so it is important to shop around.

For instance, all plans cover your Medicare A coinsurance and hospital costs, but some don't cover skilled nursing facility coinsurance. Some have 100 percent coverage of hospice care, some only 75 or 50 percent coverage. Some pay Part B excess charges, but most do not.

Coinsurance is the amount you pay as your share of the cost for services after deductibles and is usually a percentage of the total cost (oftentimes 20 percent).

Copayments are usually a set amount, such as $20 or $30, that you might be required to pay as your share of the cost for a medical service or supply, such as a doctor visit.

Part B excess charges come about when the amount a doctor or other health care provider is legally permitted to charge is higher than the Medicare-approved amount. The difference is called the excess charge.

If you have friends who already have a supplemental policy, be aware that some plans will no longer be available for individuals new to Medicare on or after Jan. 1.

You can learn more about supplemental policies at www.medicare.gov.

The Region IV Area Agency on Aging and MMAP (Michigan Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program) will be offering free "New-to-Medicare" classes in the coming months. Check our website, www.areaagencyonaging.org, for dates or call 408-4354 for more info.

Q What are the new supplemental benefits some Medicare Advantage Plans have?

A A supplemental benefit is an item or service covered by a Medicare Advantage Plan that is not covered by Original Medicare.

These benefits do not need to be provided by Medicare providers or at Medicare-certified facilities. Instead, to receive these items or services, you need to follow your plan's rules.

Some common supplemental benefits are dental care, vision care, hearing aids and gym membership.

Medicare Advantage supplemental benefits are not to be confused with Medicare supplemental insurance, also known as a Medigap policy. Medigaps are health insurance policies that pay for some Original Medicare out-of-pocket costs.

Beginning in 2020, Medicare Advantage Plans can begin covering supplemental benefits that are not primarily health-related for beneficiaries who have chronic illnesses. These benefits should address environmental factors that may affect the health, functioning, quality of life and risk levels of beneficiaries with chronic conditions.

Some examples of the new benefits are meal delivery, transportation for non-medical needs and home air cleaners. To be eligible for this new category of supplemental benefits, you must be considered chronically ill. This means that you:

- Have at least one medically complex chronic condition that is life-threatening or significantly limits your health or function;
- Have a high risk of hospitalization or other negative health outcomes; and
- Require intensive care coordination.

If you meet these criteria, a Medicare Advantage Plan might offer you one of these new benefits if it has a reasonable expectation of improving or maintaining your health or function.

Always be sure to fully understand the details of these benefits including if there are copays or coinsurance for these services, if there are limits on how often the service can be utilized, and if a referral is needed or the service is limited to specific providers.

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Dealing with disappointment

Debra Basham
Insights

He came from a very wealthy family, and he asked for a red sports car for Christmas. He knew his father could easy afford to give him the car.

Christmas morning his father gave him a small box.

Inside the box was a Bible with his name inscribed on the cover in gold letters.

He was very disappointed and angry. The young man soon left home for college. Later, he married and had his own family, but never had a relationship with his father.

Mid-life, learning of his father's poor health, he decided to go make peace.

Unfortunately, his father died before he got there. When he went back to his childhood home for the funeral, the Bible with his name on it was there.

Leafing through the pages, a key fell out, and then he saw a paid-in-full bill of sale for the sports car he had asked for.

Believing we have been denied what we want can have ramifications: divorce, loss of a job, illness.

Joel Osteen writes in "Your Best Life Now: 7 Steps to Living at Your Full Potential," "You must make a decision that you are going to move on. It won't happen automatically. You will have to rise up and say, 'I don't care how hard this is; I don't care how disappointed I am; I'm not going to let this get the best of me. I'm moving on with my life.'"

Richard Bandler, co-developer of Neurolinguistic Programming (NLP), says disappointment requires adequate pre-planning.

My daughter and son-in-law have worked for almost five years toward a plan to bring a sailboat from Middle Tennessee into the Gulf of Mexico, then around the southern tip of Florida, and on to the Caribbean Ocean. Their first open water was so challenging. They are now at a marina in Key West, Fla.

What they do with their sailing adventure is not as important as what they do with their thoughts, beliefs and attitudes related to things not having gone the way they wanted.

Just like the young man who let his disappointment prevent him from opening the Bible to discover the key inside, in every circumstance of life is given the opportunity to move on.

In the Buddhist practice, you are encouraged to have clarity of intention. Beyond this intention, however, is also your highest purpose.

What my daughter and son-in-law are discovering is they had an intention to sail to the British Virgin Islands. However, their highest purpose was taking this year off to be together while they are young and healthy enough to do something they have never done. They are meeting people, seeing places, and learning about themselves.

When our partner is not willing to change and we are not willing to stay the same, when the company moves out of state, when the medical test results aren't what we wanted, when it rains on our parade – these circumstances are ripe.

John Quincy Adams said patience and perseverance have a magical effect before which difficulties disappear and obstacles vanish.

It may be that difficulties don't disappear but your facing disappointments skillfully opens up opportunities you could not have planned for.

It is not "wrong" or "bad" to feel disappointment. That is normal. What is most productive when life does not unfold as we had hoped is to keep hope alive.

When hope is alive, obstacles become stepping stones: remarriage or discovery of the richness of being single, a better job or an entrepreneurial success, recovery and profound gratitude for every moment of every day.

I gave several friends empty boxes for Christmas this year with this note: Put this lovely little box on the bathroom counter or table by your bed. Every day upon waking, notice this day is a gift to you. Just like this box, each day holds whatever you put into it. At the day's end, look back to see all the love your day held.

Disappointment does not have to rob us of the gift. This is the true "present."

Today's Insights was written by the Rev. Debra Basham, author of "Stories of My Heart." Insights is written by area clergy to give different viewpoints on a variety of topics. It is published each Saturday in cooperation with the Berrien County Association of Churches. The views expressed by the author do not necessarily reflect the views of member churches.

CHURCH NOTES

Martin Temple Church of God in Christ, 730 Waukonda Ave., Benton Harbor, will celebrate its Annual Day at 7 p.m. tonight. There will be guest choirs from area churches.

Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church, 214 E. Britain Ave., Benton Harbor, will host its annual Youth Walk honoring Martin Luther King Jr., at 9:30 a.m. Monday. A program will follow with speaker Byron Durant, a graduate of Andrews University's Theological Seminary.

Zion St. Joe United Church of Christ, 3001 Veronica Drive, St. Joseph, will continue its five-part series, "Finding Joy in Real Life: 5 Habits to Live Well," at 10 a.m. Sunday. The Rev. Adam Bohland will speak on "What Does the Lord Require?"

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 2673 W. John Beers Road, Stevensville, will hold its next Worship at the Cross service at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in its fellowship hall. The service, which is part of the church's Jesus Cares Ministry, is geared toward those with intellectual or developmental disabilities.

Church Notes is a free listing, published each Saturday as a public service. Announcements are due by noon Wednesday. Late items will not be published. The editor reserves the right to edit for space and style. Incomplete information may not be published. First and last names should be furnished. Pictures submitted should include names of those shown. Pictures can be picked up at The Herald-Palladium office within 30 days of publication, or can be returned if accompanied by a self-addressed stamped envelope. Send items to: Church Notes, The Herald-Palladium, P.O. Box 128, St. Joseph, MI 49085; fax to 429-4398 or email to focus@TheHP.com. Items should include a daytime telephone number.

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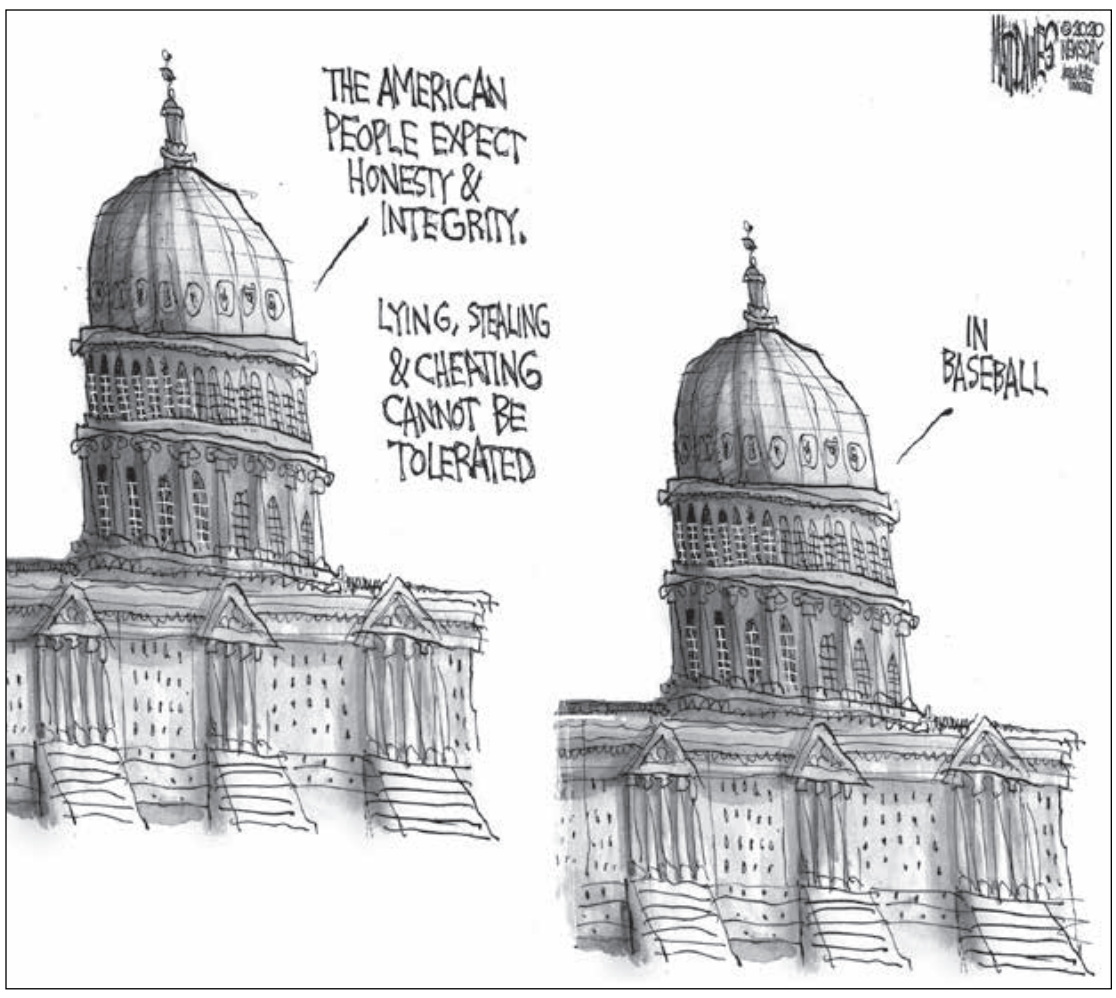
GOP senators are put on the spot



Jonah Goldberg

President Donald J. Trump was impeached on Thursday.

I know that he was technically impeached when the House voted to do so in December. But the truth is, as a political and historical matter, Thursday was the day. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's strategy – brilliant to fans, incomprehensible to foes – of sitting on the articles of impeachment left a lot of people wondering whether this show was ever going to get on the road.

Now, with the chief justice of the United States sworn in to preside over the Senate trial, and senators sworn in as jurors, there's no mistaking that it's about to go down. The clearest sign that the Senate is taking this at least somewhat seriously: Senators are handing over their cellphones before they enter the chamber. That's not good news for the president.

Oh, it's still unlikely there will be enough votes to remove Trump from office. But having talked with many GOP senators since the Ukraine story broke, I can tell you that few have paid close attention to the facts of the case. Some weren't engaged because they wanted – or said they wanted – to avoid reaching conclusions since they would have to be impartial jurors. Others seemed to think, understandably, that the Ukraine drama was simply the latest chapter in the long-running story of the media and Democrats rushing to "get" Trump no matter what. Others appeared eager to stay in their lanes, avoid the cable-news shout shows and get on with the jobs they were sent to Washington to do.

Whatever the reasons, I've been shocked at how so many senators didn't know – or claimed not to know – many of the central facts from the House hearings and news reports.

That's over.

Now, they all have to sit in a room like good boys and girls and stay absolutely quiet as the House impeachment managers make their case. They can't play Candy Crush or check out the latest sports scores on their phones. The rules say that if they even talk amongst themselves, they can be imprisoned.

Some senators have said they want to be protected from learning relevant new facts, claiming that because the impeachment process in the House was flawed and rushed – which is true – the Senate shouldn't be obligated to do the heavy lifting of evidence-gathering. Though few have been as adamantly opposed to hearing new evidence as Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.).

On Wednesday, Sen. Susan Collins (R-Maine) ignited a furor when she asked why new evidence provided by Lev Parnas – a Ukrainian grifter who'd been working closely with Trump's personal fixer, Rudy Giuliani – wasn't in the report sent by the House. When a journalist pointed out that the evidence had just surfaced, Collins replied, "Well, doesn't that suggest that the House did an incomplete job then?"

Maybe this was a sign she wasn't paying attention or an indication she doesn't want to hear new evidence. If it's the latter, she has a point. If representatives had taken time to do all of their due diligence, they likely would have uncovered more evidence, whether from Parnas or other potential witnesses.

But, looked at from a broader perspective, so what? Republicans screamed "show trial" during the House hearings. It was an overheated and indefensible claim. But if you're on record saying you're opposed to show trials – i.e., proceedings in which relevant evidence is ignored in pursuit of a foreordained conclusion – then saying you don't want all of the facts is terribly hypocritical.

People are going to watch the hearings. They're going to see miserable senators presented with ample evidence that the president used his office to pressure the Ukrainians to sully a political opponent. If the only times Republican senators make a fuss are when they maneuver to avoid hearing even more damning evidence, or demand that the Senate participate in the president's strategy of making Joe Biden the issue, they won't merely be violating their oaths to deliver impartial justice; they will risk going down in history – and appearing to voters – as participants in a cover-up.

Some senators will be fine with that, because that's what a majority of their voters want. For those who either come from states that don't have enough Trump base voters to get reelected or are burdened with a politically inconvenient concern about their reputations, it will be a real problem. The one thing none of them will be able to claim, however, is that they don't know the facts because they weren't paying attention.

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As witness fight rages, whistleblower fades away

Byron York

With a Senate impeachment trial startingy, President Trump and Democrats are locked in a cycle of mutual trolling over whether the trial should include testimony from witnesses.

Democrats are pressing Republicans to accept witnesses – they've made public a list of four, led by former national security adviser John Bolton. Some Republicans are countering that the Senate should summon Joe Biden's son, Hunter Biden, whose suspicious paychecks from a corrupt Ukrainian company were part of the beginning of the Trump-Ukraine affair.

On Sunday morning, after House Speaker Nancy Pelosi appeared on ABC to announce that "this president is impeached for life" – no trolling there, none at all – the president responded that she, too, should have to testify before the trial.

Beyond the substantial question of whether witnesses would add much to the public's knowledge of the matter, Democrats see the issue as a tool to embarrass Republican lawmakers and perhaps damage their chances of re-election in November. Senate Minority Leader Charles Schumer has pledged to force GOP senators to vote on each witness.

Many Republicans are "very, very worried about going home and saying they're not for witnesses and documents," Schumer said last week. "We are telling our Republican colleagues: You can run, but you can't hide."

That led some in the GOP to suggest that Schumer dial it back. "I'm a bit baffled why Democrats are so enthusiastic about forcing witness votes to embarrass GOP senators," former top Mitch McConnell aide Josh Holmes tweeted recently. "That seems like a terrific way to end up with Hunter Biden in the chair."

Indeed, a case can be made that Biden's testimony would be valuable. "In a conventional trial, Biden would be a relevant defense witness," law professor Jonathan Turley wrote recently. The president's motive is part of the Ukraine matter. If Biden's story – and the public knows almost nothing about it – raises reasonable concerns about corruption in Ukraine, then the president's defenders could argue that Trump's view had a real basis.

It is not at all clear that 51 Republican senators, much less any Democrats, would agree to call Biden, but there is no doubt he will be part of the argument.

One key figure in the Ukraine affair, however, appears to have faded from view, even as impeachment reaches a climax. The whistleblower who started the whole investigation remains anonymous. The details of his actions – by which he brought the Ukraine matter to the attention of the intelligence community, to House Democrats and ultimately to the world – remain unclear.

Democrats, who once hoped to feature public testimony by the whistleblower, argue that his account is no longer needed given the other evidence which they say proves Trump pressured Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky to investigate Hunter Biden and the 2016 election. The whistleblower would have nothing to add, Democrats say, and could suffer recriminations and possibly physical danger if his identity were known.

On the other hand, is the Senate really going to try the president and take a vote on his removal on the basis of an investigation with such murky origins?

It's not an academic question. The whistleblower, in his Aug. 12 complaint, created a template that Democrats used throughout the House Ukraine investigation. "I have received information from multiple U.S. government officials that the president of the United States is using the power of his office to solicit interference from a foreign country in the 2020 U.S. election," the whistleblower wrote. "Namely, he sought to pressure the Ukrainian leader to take actions to help the president's 2020 reelection bid."

Repeat that a million times, and you have the Democratic impeachment investigation. Has any single person been more influential in crafting the case against the president? Are senators expected to pass judgment on that case without knowing how it began?

And what about the whistleblower's motives? Last August, the intelligence community inspector general, Michael Atkinson, said the whistleblower showed "some indicia of an arguable political bias ... in favor of a rival political candidate." In October, Atkinson told the House Intelligence Committee that the whistleblower had a "professional relationship" with one of the 2020 Democratic presidential candidates, according to three knowledgeable sources.

Are senators supposed to vote without knowing anything about that?

Yes, say Democrats. During the House investigation, Intelligence Committee Chairman Adam Schiff strictly forbade any talk that might suggest the whistleblower's identity. When National Security Council official Alexander Vindman testified, Democrats jumped in to bar questions on who Vindman talked to about the Trump-Zelensky call. They were worried it might reveal the whistleblower.

In the past, some influential Republicans rejected that view altogether. "I consider any impeachment in the House that doesn't allow us to know who the whistleblower is to be invalid," Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Lindsey Graham said in October. "It's impossible to bring this case forward, in my view, without us knowing who the whistleblower is and having a chance to cross-examine them about any biases they may have. So if they don't call the whistleblower in the House, this thing is dead on arrival in the Senate."

They didn't call the whistleblower in the House. And look for Democrats to do everything they can to block calling the whistleblower to testify in the Senate.

Is that only because Democrats are concerned about the whistleblower's well-being? Or is there some other reason Democrats do not want the world to know about the origins of the case they propose to use to remove the president from office?

Senators, and the rest of the country have a right to know the answer.

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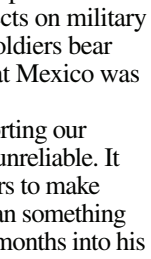
Trump's phony love of the military

Steve Chapman



Many women are acquainted with a certain type of boyfriend. He's generous with gifts, meals and compliments. In public, he's the picture of devotion. But when you need him, he's not there. When you have a problem, it's your fault. Eventually, you have to accept: He's just not that into you.

For the U.S. military, Donald Trump is that kind of boyfriend. He claims to be their greatest champion. But by now it should be clear he doesn't really love our men and women in uniform. He's merely using them.

He's even open to renting them out. He explained his deployment of troops to Saudi Arabia: "I said, 'Listen, you're a very rich country. You want more troops? I'm going to send them to you, but you have to pay us. They're paying us. They're already deposited $1 billion in the bank.'"

The drone attack that killed Iranian commander Qassem Soleimani was not really about protecting Americans. The Wall Street Journal reported that after the strike, Trump "told associates he was under pressure to deal with Gen. Soleimani from GOP senators he views as important supporters in his coming impeachment trial in the Senate." Soldiers who survived a subsequent Iranian missile attack on their base in Iraq now know they could have died to help Trump survive impeachment.

His latest breach of faith is taking funds from our armed forces to build his border wall. The Washington Post reports that he intends to divert $7.2 billion this year. After he did the same thing last year, the Post noted, the Pentagon had to postpone or suspend an array of projects, "including road repairs, a waste treatment plant and school construction projects on military bases." The children of soldiers bear the burden of the wall that Mexico was supposed to pay for.

When it comes to supporting our troops, Trump is reliably unreliable. It took him nearly three years to make his first visit to Afghanistan something Barack Obama did three months into his first term. On Veterans Day 2018, Trump didn't bother visiting Arlington National Cemetery, claiming he was "extremely busy on calls for the country."

That no-show came after he skipped a ceremony in France honoring Americans killed in World War I. He blamed the rain, though French President Emmanuel Macron and German Chancellor Angela Merkel braved the elements to be there.

The signals of disrespect are big and small. During the campaign, Trump mocked John McCain's credentials as a war hero and insulted a Gold Star family. He sent troops to the southern border just before the 2018 elections which former Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman Gen. Martin Dempsey called "a wasteful deployment of over-stretched Soldiers and Marines."

He offered a crass account of family members at Dover Air Force base when the bodies of those killed in action are returned: "They'll break through military barriers, they'll run to the coffin and jump on the coffin. Crying mothers and wives, crying desperately." Retired Adm. James Stavridis rebuked him for this violation of their privacy: "It's inappropriate. That's why we don't have cameras in situations like that."

Trump has no use for the rules that our service personnel have been trained to follow. He proved that in the case of Eddie Gallagher, a Navy SEAL commander court-martialed on charges of murder and attempted murder after being accused by members of his team, who called him "freaking evil" and a "psychopath."

Gallagher was convicted only of posing with a corpse, but Trump pardoned him and extolled him as a hero. When the Navy moved to demote Gallagher, Trump intervened to protect him.

The president treats accomplished, battle-tested military leaders as if they were caddies at Trump National Doral. During the campaign, he boasted, "I know more about ISIS than the generals do." After a SEAL was killed during a 2017 aid in Yemen, he blamed military commanders. "This was something they wanted to do," he said. "And they lost (him)."

But when missions go well, Trump rushes to take credit. After the raid that led to the death of Islamic State leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, he bragged: "I've been looking for him for three years." The Delta Force commandos who risked their lives were turned into supporting players in Trump's brassy theater of self-glorification.

They should not have been surprised. When Trump looks at the military, he's not thinking: "What can I do for our troops?" He's thinking, "What can our troops do for me?"

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PRIME TIME TV

SATURDAY EVENING JAN. 18

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC 7 13 41 57	Wheel of Fortune	The Jump (N) CC	NBA Basketball Los Angeles Lakers at Houston Rockets. From the Toyota Center in Houston. (N) CC				
CBS 2 3 22	Ent. Tonight	NCIS: Los Angeles "No More Secrets"		48 Hours (N) CC		48 Hours (N) CC	
NBC 5 8 16	Ac. Hollywood	Ellen's Game of Games CC		Dateline NBC CC		Saturday Night Live (N) CC	
FOX 17 222 28 32	To Be Announced	Boxing PBC Fight Night: Julian Williams vs. Jeison Rosario. (N) (L)				To Be Announced	
PBS 34	Lawrence Welk	Antiques Roadshow (Part 2 of 3) CC		As Time Goes By	As Time Goes By	Keep-Appear	Keep-Appear
CW 25	Big Bang Theory	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Seinfeld CC	Seinfeld CC	News	Cops CC
MNT 50	Graham Bensinger	AHL Hockey Milwaukee Admirals at Chicago Wolves. From Allstate Arena in Rosemont, Ill. (N) (L)					
WCIU 26	2 Broke Girls	Bob's Burgers	Bob's Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Bob's Burgers
WHME 46	:00 Heartland	Heartland "Just Breathe"		Murdoch Mysteries "Master Lovecraft"		Murdoch Mysteries CC (DVS)	
WGN 9	Friends CC	Friends CC	Friends CC	Friends CC	Friends CC	WGN Weekend News at Nine (N)	
A&E	5:00 Live PD CC	:06 Live PD: Rewind (N) CC		Live PD "Live PD -- 01.18.20" (N) (L) CC			
AMC	6:00 ★★★ Captain Phillips ('13) Tom Hanks. (P).			Seven Worlds, One Planet "North America" CC			Captain Phillips
Animal	Pit Bulls	Pit Bulls-Parole		Pit Bulls-Parole		:03 The Vet Life (N)	
BET	:35 ★★ Next Friday ('00) Ice Cube. CC					★ Friday After Next	
Big Ten	College Basketball			College Wrestling Nebraska at Iowa. (N)			
Bravo	★★ Just Friends	7:50 Movie CC					:26 Movie CC
Cartoon	Apple	Dragon	Dragon	Burgers	Burgers	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy
Cinemax	:05 Warrior CC	★★ Ocean's 8 ('18, Comedy) Sandra Bullock, Cate Blanchett. CC				9:50 ★★ Bandidas ('06) CC	
CMT	6:00 ★★ Stepmom ('98)			★★★ Twister ('96) Helen Hunt. CC			
CNBC	Boss	Undercover Boss		Undercover Boss		Undercover Boss	
CNN	Newsr'm	CNN Newsroom		The Nineties "The One About TV" CC			
Comedy	6:15 ★ Blended ('14) CC			★ Grown Ups ('10) Adam Sandler.			
Discovery	Barrett-Jack-	Man vs. Bear A fire dancer defeats Bart.		8:56 Expedition Unknown CC		9:56 Expedition Unknown CC	
Disney	Trolls	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	Bunk'd	Bunk'd
DIY	Barnwood	Flippers	Flippers	Flippers	Flippers	Flippers	Flippers
E!	:00 ★★ Maid in Manhattan ('02) CC				★★★ Pretty Woman ('90)		
ESPN	Basket	UFC 246: McGregor vs. Cerrone - Prelims				Boxing (N) (L)	
ESPN2	Basket	College Basketball Teams TBA. (N) (L)				College Basketball	
ESPNC	X Games	X Games Aspen				X Games Aspen	
Food	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners
Fox News	Life	Watters' World (N)		Justice With Jeanine		Greg Gutfeld	
Fox Sports	NBA Basketball Detroit Pistons at Atlanta Hawks. (N)					Pistons Live (N)	
Freefrm	6:50 ★★★ Moana ('16) Voices of Dwayne Johnson, Auli'i Cravalho. CC				:20 ★★★ Despicable Me 2 ('13) Voices of Steve Carell.		
FX	:00 ★★ The Fate of the Furious ('17) Vin Diesel. A mysterious woman forces Dom to betray the crew.					★★★ Baby Driver ('17) CC	
Golf	PGA Champions					Central	PGA Golf
Hallmark	:00 Love in Winterland ('20) Chad Michael Murray. CC			Love on Iceland ('20, Romance) Kaitlin Doubleday, Colin Donnell. (P). CC			
HBO	5:40 Fast Five	★★ Godzilla: King of the Monsters ('19) Kyle Chandler. (P). CC				:15 The Outsider "Fish in a Barrel"	
History	Swamp	Swamp People: Blood and Guts "Deadliest Hunts" (N) CC					
HGTV	Property	Beach	Beach	Carib	Carib	Bahamas	Bahamas
Learning	Say Yes	Say Yes to the Dress (N) CC				Say Yes, Dress	
Lifetime	Faith Under Fire	Stolen by My Mother: The Kamiyah Mobley Story ('20) Niecy Nash. (P).				Headlines: The Kamiyah Mobley Story	
MSNBC	Hardball	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	NHL Hockey: Blackhawks at Maple Leafs				Postgame	Basket	Postgame
NFL	College Football					NFL Total Access	
Nick	Loud	Henry	All That	Most Musical Family		Friends	Friends
NGEO	Running	Locked Up Abroad		Locked Up Abroad		Locked Up Abroad	
Oxygen	:00 Snapped	Snapped "Nancy Khan" CC		Snapped "Debra Dillard" CC		Snapped A hunting trip ends in murder.	
Parmt	:00 ★★ Shooter ('07) Mark Wahlberg. CC					Four Brothers	
Showtime	6:30 ★★★ The Help ('11) Viola Davis, Emma Stone. CC			★★ On the Basis of Sex ('18, Biography) Felicity Jones, Armie Hammer. CC			
Starz	5:39 ★★ Hulk	★★ Night at the Museum ('06, Children's) Ben Stiller, Carla Gugino. CC				9:51 ★ Miss Bala ('19) CC	
STZENC	Don Jon's Addiction	7:58 ★★★ Saturday Night Fever ('77, Drama) John Travolta. CC				Spartacus: Vengeance "Balance"	
SyFy	6:46 ★★ Tremors II: Aftershocks ('96) Fred Ward. CC			★★ Tremors ('90, Horror) Kevin Bacon, Fred Ward, Finn Carter. CC			
TBS	6:30 ★★★ Guardians of the Galaxy ('14) Chris Pratt. CC			Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory
TCM	Tora Tora Tora	Les rendez-vous d'Anna ('78, Drama) Aurore Clément, Helmut Griem, Magali Noël.				:15 Two Weeks in Another Town	
TMC	:15 ★★ The Dark Tower ('17, Fantasy) Idris Elba. CC			★★★ Scream ('96, Horror) Neve Campbell, David Arquette. CC			
TNT	Tarzan	★★ San Andreas ('15, Action) Dwayne Johnson.					Mummy
Travel	Paranorm.	Paranormal Ca.		Ghosts-Camera		Haunted Hospitals	
TV Land	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men
USA	5:30 Bad Boys	★★ Bad Boys II ('03, Action) Martin Lawrence, Will Smith. Two detectives battle a drug kingpin in Miami. CC (DVS)					
VH1	Stomp	★★★ Drumline ('02) Nick Cannon. CC					ATL
WGN-A	:00 Blue Bloods	Blue Bloods "The Blue Templar" CC		Blue Bloods "Mercy" CC		Blue Bloods Danny shoots a cop. CC	

Girlfriend's birthday bouquet arrives in shabby condition

Jeanne Phillips
Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: Is there a delicate way for me to tell my boyfriend not to use the same online floral delivery service again? The birthday bouquet he had delivered to me arrived with limp, wilted, torn petals and leaves and broken stems. It was one of those box-of-flowers deliveries.

I doubt my boyfriend realized they would not arrive in a vase and arranged by a florist. Instead, they had been packed in a box, without water, with the vase packed alongside, delivered by a regular package courier.

I usually send him a photo of my bouquet along with my heartfelt thanks, and while I thanked him as usual, I did not send a picture of the bouquet because I knew he would feel bad – both about the lackluster arrangement, and the money he had spent on them.

I found what I believe was the intended arrangement on the website, and it was lovely – a far cry from what was delivered to me. I love my twice-a-year flowers (birthday and Christmas), and I don't want to come across as critical or ungrateful. I am blessed to have such a thoughtful partner.

If flowers were just a one-time gift, I would not even consider mentioning it. However, with Valentine's Day (and another flower delivery) approaching, I wonder if I should let my boyfriend know that it might be better to use a local florist to ensure he is getting his money's worth. Or should I just cross my fingers that it was a one-off? – Ungrateful Girlfriend

DEAR "UNGRATEFUL": Tell your boyfriend why you didn't send him a photo of the flowers he sent as you usually do. He has a right to know, and it will not make you appear ungrateful. He may be able to get a refund if the order was mishandled and he had ordered an arrangement in a vase. And if the vendor is not forthcoming, he may choose to deal with a different one next time. Please give him the option.

DEAR ABBY: I'm one half of a female best friend duo in our early 30s. We both live with clinical depression, and my friend also has ADHD. During most of our 20s, neither of us did a good job of coping with these issues, but we were able to laugh it off together. Now, after putting in a lot of work, I'm finally in a healthy place, and I intend to continue getting better from here.

My best friend, however, is managing her own mental health as poorly as ever. She doesn't have the interest or the motivation to help herself the way I have, and she resents when others try to talk to her about it. I sense she wishes I was like I used to be.

I'm starting to feel like being around her is no longer healthy for me, but I don't know what to do. I don't have many other friends. I live out of state from my family, and I still love her dearly. How should I proceed? – Self-Helper In California

DEAR SELF-HELPER: Proceed by continuing to move forward. If you seek out new activities, you will meet more people with common interests. Do not drop her. Call her periodically to check in, and make a point of inviting her to join you in some of your new interests. However, if she refuses, do not let it deter you from doing what you must to aid in your healing. I congratulate you for finding the strength to get the help you needed.

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When throwing a party, do you have to divulge the guest list?

Carolyn Hax

Adapted from a recent online discussion.

DEAR CAROLYN: My girlfriend tells me it's perfectly OK to have people over and not clue them in to who else will be there, but I personally hate when people do this.

I think if you're going to be inviting a small number of people for dinner, the polite thing to do is let everyone know who else might be attending when you invite them.

You never know what's going on with people, even if you think everyone is on good terms. People fight and fall out, things happen that you can't keep track of.

I think my girlfriend is playing with fire when she does this, but she says it's the "way the world works."

To clarify: I understand that you're absolutely entitled to invite whoever you want to your dinner parties and I'm not suggesting you have to let other guests veto people they don't like, you just give them an opportunity to politely decline if they feel strongly about so-and-so.

And I'm talking only about small gatherings where everyone has to interact with everyone else. I say it's to the host's benefit to do so, because you prevent a situation where the evening is awkward and ends early. It's not the same if you have a large house party with like 30 invitees, then people can avoid guests they don't like.

Which of us is right on this subject? – Peyton Place

DEAR PEYTON PLACE: Your girlfriend. Utterly. Just because you want something doesn't mean it's the polite thing to ask or expect.

The polite thing, in this case, is to invite people to things with only the date, time and nature of the event specified, and for any guests to be gracious about accepting (or declining) that hospitality – as your host chooses to offer it.

There's no allowance for trying to à la carte it into something you find more palatable.

It's also polite, when you walk into a room and spot your nemesis, to put on your grown-up face and behave civilly until the event ends of its own accord.

And it's healthy to ask yourself exactly how many people are on your don't-put-us-in-the-same-room list. You're right that things happen, sometimes people do have fallings-out, and you can't know everything. But if you know of more than one or two explosive people combinations over a lifetime, then maybe it's time for a hard look at your role either in sowing conflict or choosing friends who do.

In fact, I'm signing you "Peyton Place."

DEAR CAROLYN: I have a trans friend, and my 4-year-old has asked me, "Is Chris a boy or a girl?"

I just answered that Chris is a girl (her identified gender) – at this age is that the right thing? – Anonymous

DEAR ANONYMOUS: That's the right thing at any age. Chris is a girl.

DEAR CAROLYN: Is attraction something that grows over time? Can a relationship work if you are very much attracted to the individual as a person, but less attracted to them physically? – Partly Attracted

DEAR PARTLY ATTRACTED: Attraction can grow, but that doesn't mean it will. Offer friendship and see where that goes.

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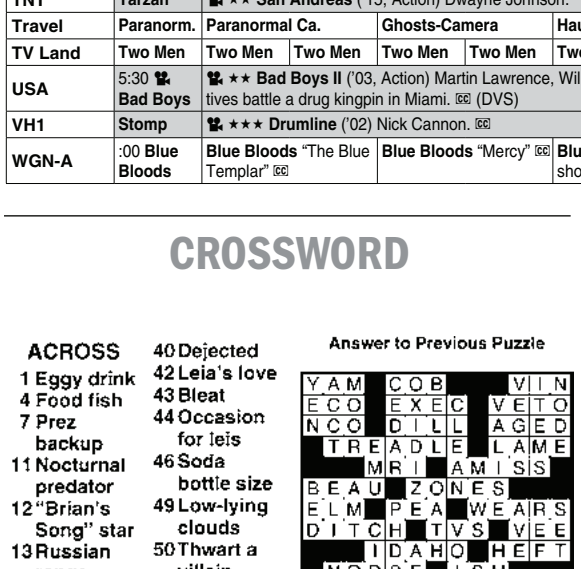
CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Eggy drink
4 Food fish
7 Prez backup
11 Nocturnal predator
12 "Brian's Song" star
13 Russian range
14 Flower lover
15 Mystique
16 Roman historian
17 Blackens
19 Molding
20 "— Gotta Be Me"
21 Gotcha!
22 Syrup source
25 Voting number
28 Baseball stat.
29 From memory
31 Bird's beak
33 — Vegas
34 Huge amount
36 Chinese "way"
37 Nursery-rhyme girl (2 wds.)
40 Dejected
42 Leia's love
43 Bleat
44 Occasion for leis
46 Soda bottle size
49 Low-lying clouds
50 Thwart a villain
52 Snatch
54 Up to the job
55 Busy insects
56 Retiree's kitty
57 Plays with idly
58 Monsieur's nose
59 Family room

DOWN
1 San Francisco hill
2 Is indebted
3 Mirth
4 Grounds
5 Paddle
6 Forensic sci. tool
7 Coarse
8 Great Lake
9 Roof overhang
10 Thickness
12 Sculptor
18 Feel pain
19 Taunting cry
21 "The Clan of the Cave Bear" author
22 Blanc or Gibson
23 Sheik or sultan
24 El —, Texas
25 Swab brand (hyph.)
26 Till
27 Fermented honey
30 Friendly
32 Son
35 Online messages
38 Moon stages
39 Water, on the Seine
41 Cereal unit
43 Football charge
44 Wolf, to Pedro
45 Unsightly
47 Novelist — Bagnold
48 Not common
49 Blubber
50 Wind maker
51 Half a pair
53 Outlaw

Answer to Previous Puzzle



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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words

MOAAR

CFARS

EDITEC

MUEHAN

They don't even know my name.
Our fans are going crazy for you.
They do now.
FOR RINGO, REPLACING PETE BEST AS THE BEATLES' DRUMMER ---

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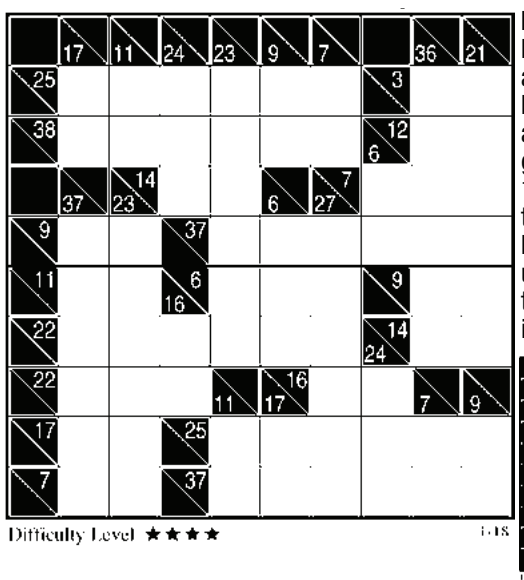
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers Monday)

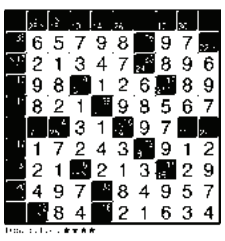
Yesterday's Jumbles: HOLLY BOUND TUSSLE HOAGIE
Answer: The store was closing, and loyal customers came in on the final day for the — LAST GOOD-"BUYS"

KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★★★★

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



BRIDGE

Our friend A.N. Onymous defined an antonym as the opposite of the word you're trying to think of.

When the dummy comes down and you seem to be in an impossible contract, what do you do?

Many players make it apparent with their body language. They will mutter under their breath, shake their heads or immediately concede defeat. But the never-say-die type will try to think of a deceptive line of play that might work.

In today's deal, which occurred during a European Women's Team Championship some years ago, how should South have played in six hearts after West led the spade ace?

The auction was, if you will excuse the underbid, imperfect. West's first pass was an error – she should have raised to four spades, especially given the favorable vulnerability. After North's takeout double, South should have jumped to four hearts. North's pass over four spades was forcing. When you bid a vulnerable game to make and the opponents sacrifice, you must either double them for penalty or bid higher. Finally, Sally Brock from England (South) jumped to six hearts. She had promised 0 points, but her partner had even carried three hearts to game.

The dummy was a big disappointment, but declarer did not give up. After ruffing the spade ace, she played a low heart to her jack and West's king. Now West shifted to a club, not to a diamond. Brock won with her ace, drew trumps with a heart to the ace and ran the clubs for plus 1,430.

North 01-18-20
♠
♥ A 8 6 2
♦ Q J 9 6
♣ K Q J 3 2

West
♠ A K 7
♥ K 9
♦ 10 8 4 3
♣ 10 7 6 4

East
♠ Q J 10 9 6 2
♥ Q 10
♦ A 7 2
♣ 9 8

South
♠ 8 5 4 3
♥ J 7 5 4 3
♦ K 5
♣ A 5

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: North-South

South	West	North	East
		1♣	2♠
Pass	Pass	Dbl.	Pass
3♥	3♠	4♥	Pass
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
6♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ A

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

	6			7	3		1	
	4			9	1			
						9		4
6	7	1		8				
5								1
				1		7	4	6
7		2						
				5	4		7	
	3			6	2		5	

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

9	4	6	7	1	5	8	3	2
3	2	1	6	8	4	7	9	5
5	8	7	9	3	2	6	1	4
2	3	5	8	4	7	1	6	9
6	9	4	3	5	1	2	7	8
1	7	8	2	6	9	5	4	3
4	5	3	1	2	6	9	8	7
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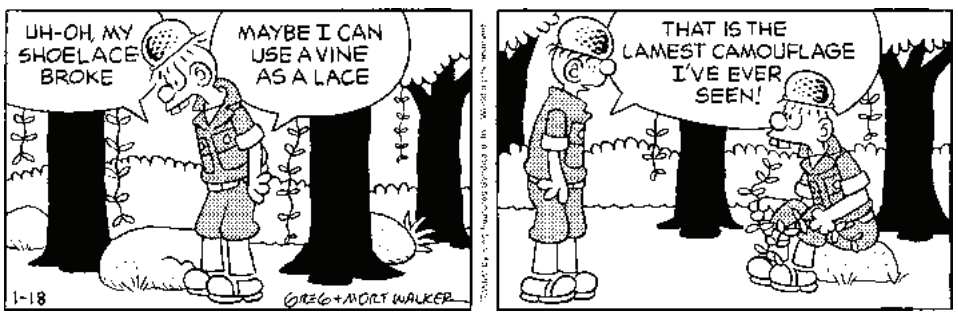
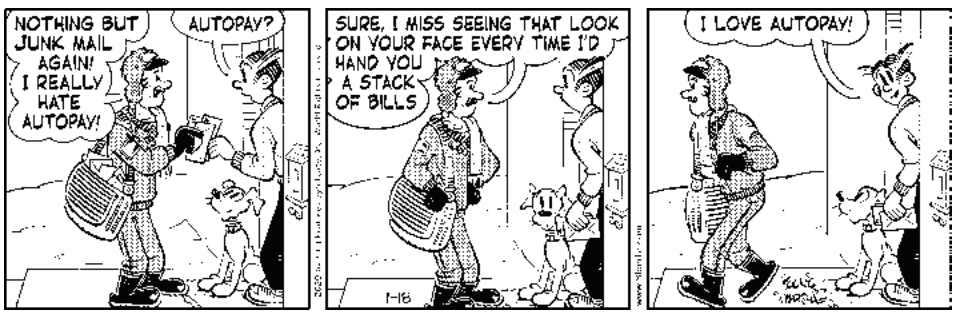
BEETLE BAILEY



BLONDIE


NOTHING BUT JUNK MAIL AGAIN! I REALLY HATE AUTOPAY!
AUTOPAY?
SURE, I MISS SEEING THAT LOOK ON YOUR FACE EVERY TIME I'D HAND YOU A STACK OF BILLS
I LOVE AUTOPAY!
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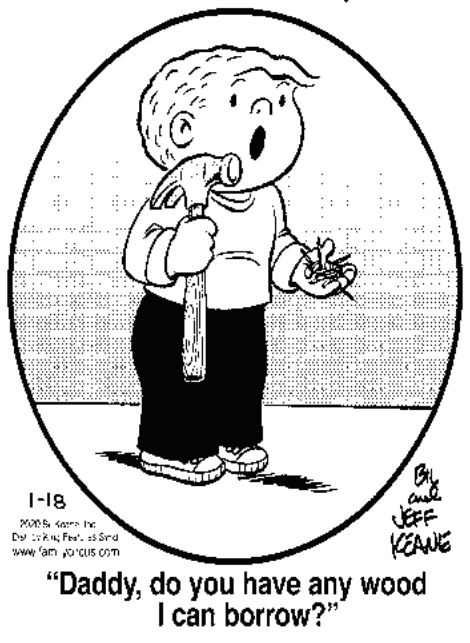
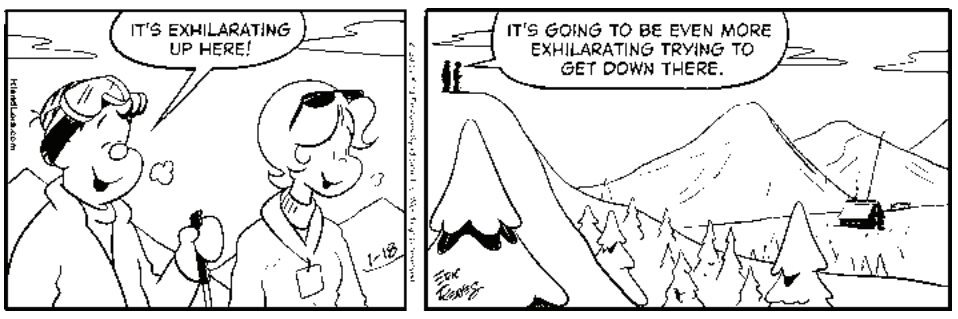
THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



DENNIS THE MENACE

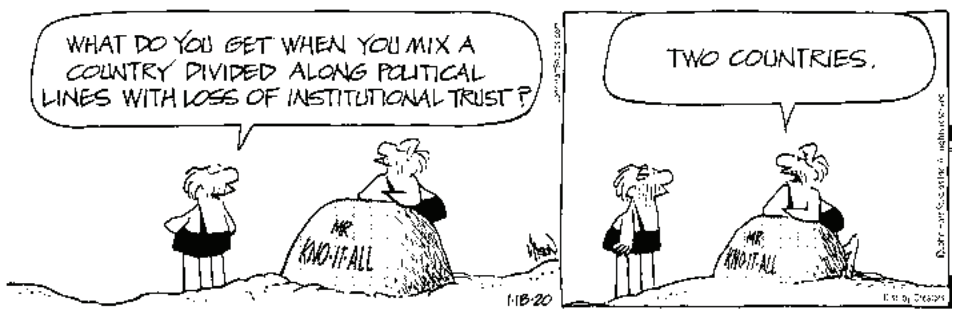
HI & LOIS



BABY BLUES

I'M SO GLAD CHRISTMAS IS OVER SO I DON'T HAVE TO BE GOOD ANYMORE.
WHAT ABOUT EASTER?
IF YOU'RE NOT GOOD, THE EASTER BUNNY WON'T BRING YOU ANY CANDY.
ONLY SIX YEARS OLD, AND I'M ALREADY A SLAVE TO BIG HOLIDAY!

BC


WHAT DO YOU GET WHEN YOU MIX A COUNTRY DIVIDED ALONG POLITICAL LINES WITH LOSS OF INSTITUTIONAL TRUST?
MR. KNO-IT-ALL
TWO COUNTRIES.
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CURTIS

CAN I HAVE SOME MONEY?
THERE'S SOMETHING I FOUND ONLINE I SIMPLY HAVE TO HAVE TO HAVE TO HAVE!!
I WON'T JUST GIVE YOU THE MONEY, BUT YOU CAN EARN IT BY DOING SOME EASY SIMPLE CHORES 'ROUND HERE
EH, I DON'T HAVE TO HAVE IT
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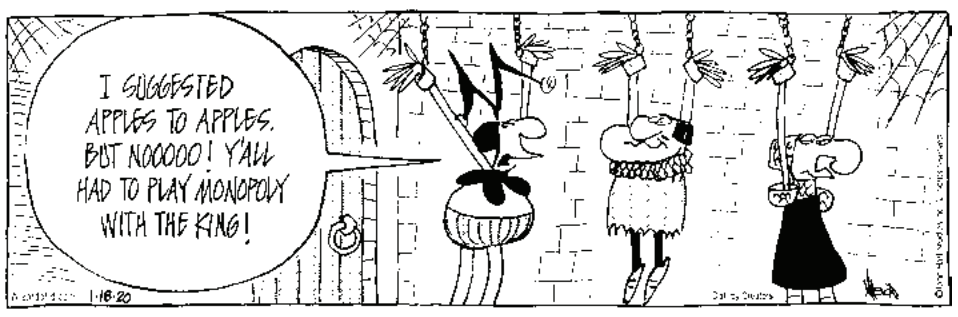
WIZARD OF ID



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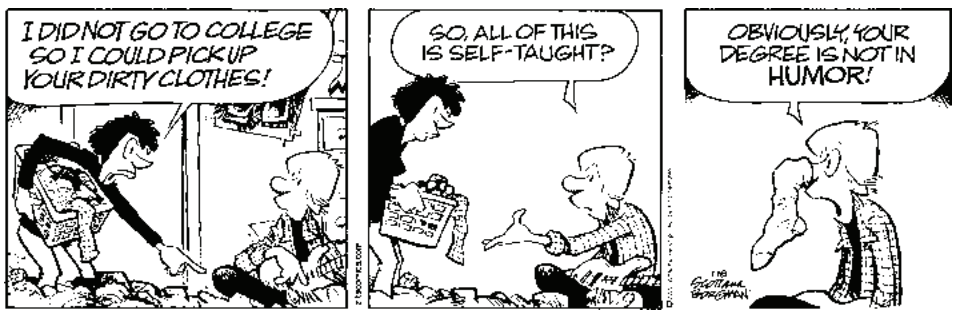
I DID NOT GO TO COLLEGE SO I COULD PICK UP YOUR DIRTY CLOTHES!
SO, ALL OF THIS IS SELF-TAUGHT?
OBVIOUSLY, YOUR DEGREE IS NOT IN HUMOR!

DILBERT

I CAN'T SHAKE THE FEELING THAT YOU ARE INTENTIONALLY DOING A BAD JOB TRAINING ME HOW TO DO YOUR JOB FUNCTIONS.
I'M OMITTING IMPORTANT STEPS, SO YOU'LL FAIL HARD SHOULD I GET FIRED AND YOU ARE ASKED TO FILL IN.
IT'S CALLED A "POISON PILL."
YOU'RE A GOOD PLANNER.

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

TOO MANY VEGETABLES... TOO MUCH SALT... COOKED TOO LONG!
HELGA, SOMETIMES LESS IS MORE!
YOU'RE RIGHT...
LESS CRITICISM WOULD BE MORE APPRECIATED!
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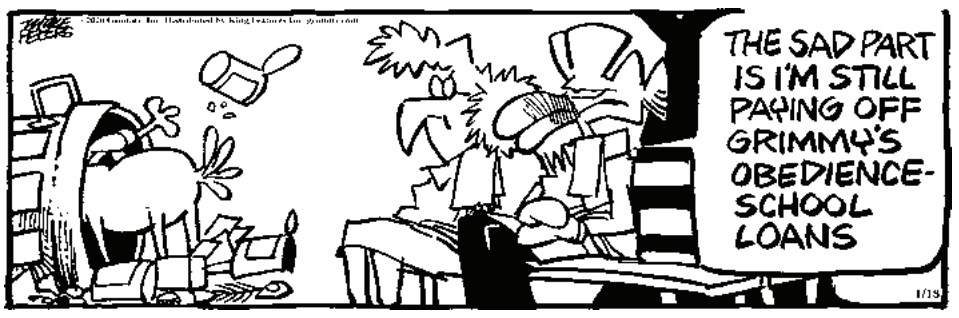
GARFIELD

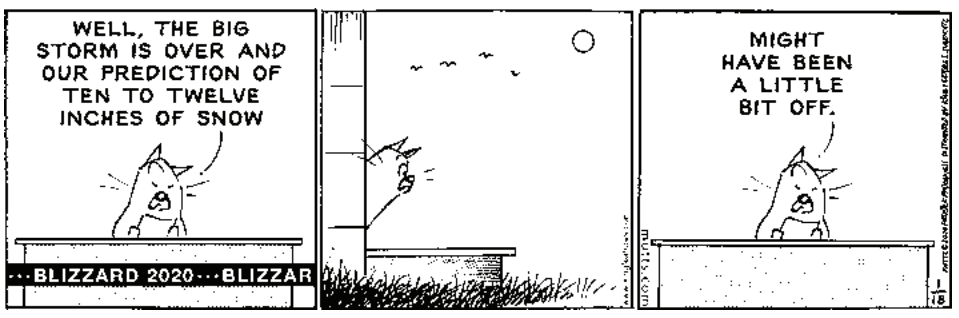
MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM



FORT KNOX

YOUR MOTHER BLEW UP THE FURNACE.
I'M FULLY AWARE OF THAT JANE.
PLAN B
SO WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DO NOW?
BUY A NEW FURNACE.
HOME PEE PO
AND HOW ABOUT YOU HAVE A TALK WITH YOUR MOTHER??
I WILL.
DEEP FREEZ
ONCE I FIND HER.
SHE'S IN A TREE TWO BLOCKS AWAY!
OR BIT MA

MUTTS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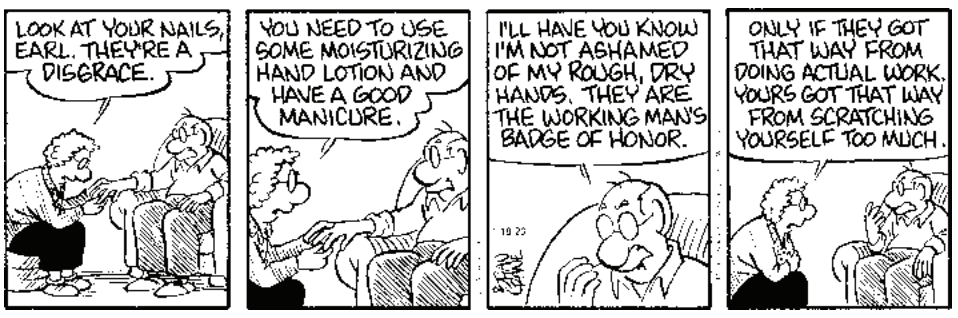
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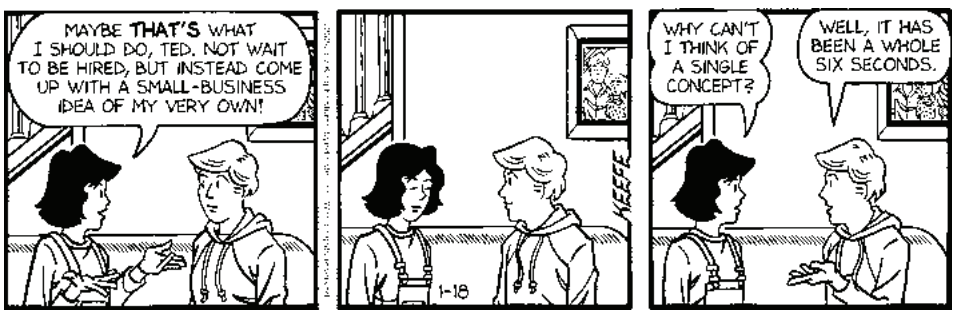
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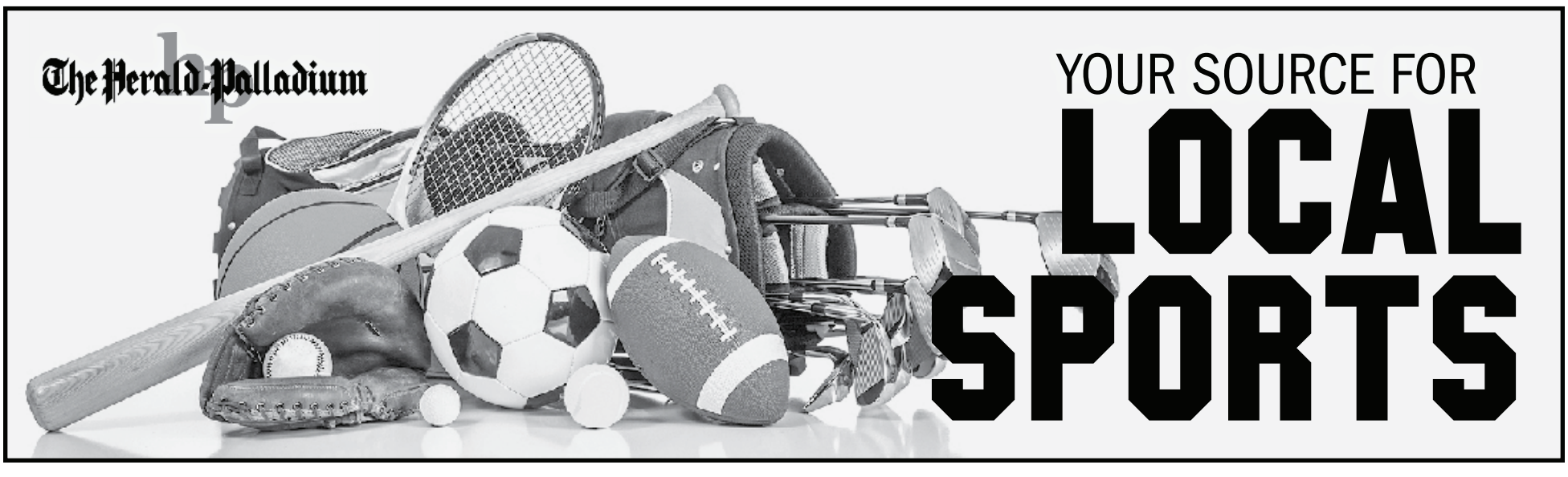

‘Dolittle,’ with Robert Downey Jr., is a disaster

Universal Pictures / AP

Chee-Chee, voiced by Rami Malek, at left, and Dr. John Dolittle, portrayed by Robert Downey Jr., are shown in a scene from “Dolittle.”

‘Dolittle’

★
(out of 4 stars)

Starring: Robert Downey Jr., Antonio Banderas, Michael Sheen, Jim Broadbent and Jessie Buckley

Directed by: Stephen Gaghan

Written by: Stephen Gaghan, Dan Gregor and Doug Mand

Running time: 106 minutes

Rated: PG (for some action, rude humor and brief language)

Jake Coyle
Movie Review

Dr. Dolittle, who favored animals and shunned humans, was on to something.

The century of human history since Hugh Lofting, in 1920, created his eccentric veterinarian character has only made Dolittle a more astute fictional figure, and a natural candidate for big-screen resurrection. Aquaman can talk to the fishes but Dolittle has the ability to converse with all fauna.

But if they could speak, no realm of the animal kingdom – no penguin, parakeet or panda – would have anything good to say about Stephen Gaghan’s “Dolittle,” a big-budget train wreck in which things go so awry that it can’t even be said to be strictly for the dogs.

“Dolittle,” starring Robert Downey Jr., arrives just weeks after the advent of “Cats,” another Universal Pictures release likewise stuffed with computer generated animals. “Dolittle” is a more harmless and whimsical family entertainment, less likely to provoke nightmares than the digitally furred felines of Tom Hooper’s Andrew Lloyd Webber adaptation. But, just the same, the two films together could be the worst setback for animalia since global warming, or at least “Howard the Duck.”

It’s tempting to think: Well, it can’t be that bad. Who doesn’t like both Downey and animals? At the very least, you would think, no amount of special effects can completely dilute such a vibrant and clever actor. He was even good in the Marvel movies.

But perhaps the biggest disappointment of “Dolittle” isn’t the incoherent story line, the suffocating CGI or the unfunny stable of celebrity-voiced creatures. It’s that Downey’s personality doesn’t come through at all, either a victim of the surrounding mess or a party to it.

Seemingly going for a tamer Johnny Depp-as-Jack Sparrow-styled performance, Downey dons a vaguely Welsh accent, deepening his voice in a hushed tone. Worse, much of his dialogue seems to have been overdubbed, a likely component of the movie’s extensive reworking in post-production and reshoots. It distances Downey – he sounds literally elsewhere – in a fantasy that’s already plenty adrift.

The movie is based on the second of Lofting’s books, “The Voyages of Doctor Dolittle.” He created the character first to, in letters home from the World War I front, entertain his children.

Dolittle first appeared on screen in the 1967 movie, with Rex Harrison, and later in a series started in 1998, with Eddie Murphy.

This incarnation has an unlikely zookeeper in Gaghan, who won an Oscar for his screenplay to Steven Soderbergh’s “Traffic” and directed the labyrinthine geopolitical thriller “Syriana.” He last directed “Gold,” with Matthew McConaughey, a disappointing dramatization of the Bre-X Minerals swindle of the 1990s.

“Dolittle,” you can tell, doesn’t sound like Gaghan’s kind of thing, and none of the results will convince you otherwise.

The film, penned by Gaghan, Dan Gregor and Doug Mand, conjures a different reason for the book’s sailing adventure. Here, the doctor begins as a bearded recluse, grieving the loss of his explorer wife from behind the locked walls of his animal-populated estate.

He sets off on a trip to find a remedy for an ailing Queen Victoria (Jessie Buckley), a hectic, sea-faring journey that jumps from one harried scene to another.

But “Dolittle” isn’t about much beside the gags of the CGI animals, none of whom do much to help Downey. I hesitate to name their voice actors, since guessing them is one of the movie’s primary sources of entertainment. But you’ll spot Emma Thompson as a parrot, Rami Malek as a gorilla, Kumail Nanjiani as an ostrich, Selena Gomez as a giraffe and Jason Mantzoukas as a dragonfly.

None of them have any character to speak of. They’re there for increasingly weak jokes, which culminate in a scene revolving around a dragon’s flatulence.

A problem, as ever, is that buckets of visual effects are never good for comedy. And as last year’s “Lion King” proved, hyper realism doesn’t do talking animals any favors.

The way things are going, animal rights activists may soon need to move to protect digital animals, too.

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Remember DVDs?

2 studios have a plan to preserve the near-dead format

By RYAN FAUGHNDER
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — The market for DVD and Blu-ray Discs has been on life support for years, as streaming has become the technology of choice for home video customers.

In the last decade, the U.S. market for physical discs has gone from a more than $10-billion business to roughly a third of that in terms of consumer spending, according to data from Digital Entertainment Group.

But studios aren’t ready to give up on the format just yet.

Two major studios, Universal Pictures and Warner Bros., have proposed an unusual plan to stay in the business of selling shiny physical discs.

The studios this week announced a proposal to team up on a joint venture that, if approved by regulators, will handle North American distribution for DVDs, Blu-rays and 4K UHD discs for new releases, library titles and TV shows. The idea is to combine resources to continue selling discs while saving money.

The joint venture is expected to operate for up to 10 years, according to a news release.

Details are sparse and the venture won’t launch until the beginning of 2021. The studios did not say how many people would work for it, or what the new entity would be called, but the move is expected to coincide with an unspecified number of job cuts in their existing home video divisions.

Industry veteran Eddie Cunningham, president of Universal Pictures Home Entertainment, will oversee the new venture.

The idea is a direct response to the collapsing DVD market. Physical disc sales plummeted 18 percent in 2019 alone, generating $3.3 billion in revenue in the U.S., according to DEG’s latest report.

Meanwhile, consumer spending on subscription streaming services surged 24 percent to nearly $16 billion.

Yet physical discs remain important to some consumers, including fans of classic cinema. Not all titles are easily available for streaming.

Also, though the category is shrinking, it remains an important source of revenue for the industry.

The planned joint venture “presents a significant opportunity to continue to work with our retail partners to ensure the format’s strength and sustainability for years to come,” Universal Chief Distribution Officer Peter Levinsohn said in a statement.

Additionally, Warner Bros. and Universal plan to save costs by splitting up international DVD releases by country.

Universal will take on distribution of Warner Bros. discs in Germany, Austria, Switzerland and Japan, while Warner Bros. will handle Universal’s sales in Britain, Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg.

Dean Coppola / Contra Costa Times / TNS

Employee Gabe Santos restocks DVD rentals at Silver Screen Video in El Cerrito, Calif., in 2010.

Houston, Notorious B.I.G. lead 2020 Rock and Roll HOF inductees

By RANDY LEWIS
Los Angeles Times

The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame 2020 class of inductees runs the gamut from shimmering R&B-laced pop and classic 1990s hip-hop to industrial rock and four-square glam-rock.

Whitney Houston, the Notorious B.I.G., Nine Inch Nails, T. Rex, the Doobie Brothers and Depeche Mode all will join the hall’s ranks this spring.

The latest slate of inductees leaves behind the Dave Matthews Band, Kraftwerk, Motörhead, Thin Lizzy, MC5, Rufus featuring Chaka Khan, Todd Rundgren and Judas Priest, who were among 16 acts on the final nomination ballot that didn’t make the cut for induction in 2020.

The ceremony is scheduled for May 2 in Cleveland at the Public Auditorium, near the hall’s headquarters and museum. It is open to the public, and tickets will go on sale Feb. 27.

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Whitney Houston performs at the O2-Arena in Berlin in 2010.

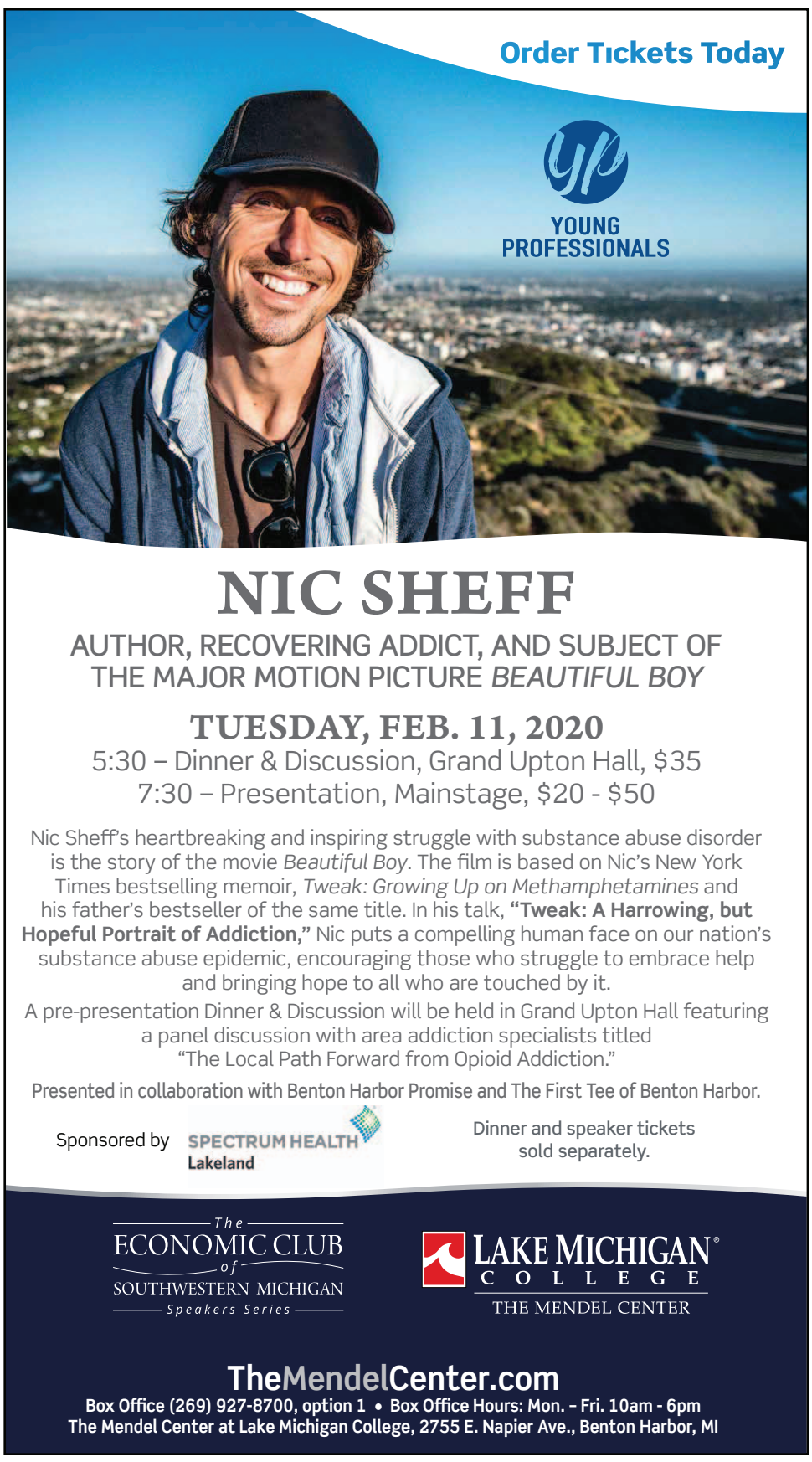
If there’s a surprise in this year’s group of inductees it is that just one of the artists chosen – the Doobie Brothers – reached the top five of the hall’s fan voting. The other most popular nominees were the Dave Matthews Band, which logged more than 1 million fan votes, followed by Pat Benatar (882,000 votes), the Doobies (nearly 785,000), Soundgarden (nearly 723,000) and Judas Priest (675,000).

The top five vote-getters on the fan ballot generate just one vote apiece for each of those acts, which is added to the total from the hall’s 1,000 or so voting members. But the fan poll demonstrates to voters which acts those fans are most enthusiastic about.

In the quick-turnaround department, four of the new inductees made it after appearing on the ballot for the first time: Houston, Notorious B.I.G., the Doobies and T. Rex.

In addition, the hall’s Ahmet Ertegun Award to significant music industry figures will go to superstar manager Irving Azoff and rock critic-turned-talent-manager Jon Landau.

For the first time, the induction ceremony will be carried live on HBO, which previously had aired taped highlights in weeks after the actual event.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Easy ways to brighten rooms in winter

By MELISSA RAYWORTH
Associated Press

When home designer and builder Marnie Oursler talks with clients about building their dream homes along the Delaware coast, their No. 1 request is having bright spaces with lots of natural light.

But at this time of year, it can feel like that brightness and light is in short supply in most any home. The sparkly holiday decorations have been put away, and the daylight hours are still way too brief.

Fortunately, there are plenty of things you can "do in a single day to hedge against the winter doldrums," Washington, D.C.-based interior designer Josh Hildreth says.

We've asked Oursler, Hildreth and interior designer Jessica Wachtel of GTM Architects in Bethesda, Md., for advice on easy decor changes that will brighten up any room.

Gordon Beall / Josh Hildreth / AP

This Washington, D.C., sunroom feels bright, even on winter afternoons, thanks to windows that don't have any draperies, a light-colored rug and citrus trees that add a fresh, bright scent to the space.

Light from below

Hildreth suggests taking a cue from the design style of Nordic countries, where winter days are short: Try painting wooden floors white or cream, or bleaching them to a light shade of brown.

"When you use sort of a wonderful cream color or white on a floor," Hildreth says, "everything put against it pops."

Even heavy, dark wooden furniture will feel more contemporary and less formal.

Also, Hildreth says, if you have heavy rugs or layered rugs on the floor, consider removing some of them. Although we tend in winter to want to warm our floors, having more bare floor can help open up the space and make it feel fresher and brighter.

Oursler and Wachtel also suggest swapping out dark rugs for lighter and brighter ones. It's an easy change with big impact.

Maximize your light

We think of adding warmer, heavier curtains in winter, Wachtel says, but removing heavy draperies will let in more natural light.

Joe Cereghino / Jessica Wachtel / AP

If you're seeking to brighten up a room during the dark winter months, Jessica Wachtel suggests adding a patterned rug in light and bright colors, as she did in this Bethesda, Md., living room.

Also, she says, consider using brighter light bulbs at this time of year, and perhaps even taking out a ceiling fixture that has just one bulb and replacing it with one that has several bulbs. You can use a dimmer to make sure the room doesn't get too bright, but you'll be able to brighten the space as needed.

Another practical trick: Add large mirrors to amplify natural light during the day and lamplight at night.

Oursler made her office feel brighter by adding a large mirror trimmed to look like a window. It also gives a sense of connection to the outdoors.

Dana Hoff / Marnie Oursler / AP

To brighten a room during the winter months, Marnie Oursler suggests adding light-colored slip covers to sofas or dining room chairs, as seen in this open-plan home in Bethany Beach, Del.

Slipcovers and tablecloths

If your dining table has dark chairs or your sofa is dark, Oursler suggests slipcovers in a light shade.

Hildreth says the same about covering a dark wood table: Since that dark table may dominate your dining room, he says, "a wonderful heavy, light-colored linen tablecloth is a beautiful idea." The thickness of the fabric can still bring a sense of warmth, but the light color will open up the space.

Along with light-colored solids, consider bright patterns. Hildreth says patterns like colorful chintz may be returning and are perfect for brightening a room at any time of year.

Add openness and lift

Rearranging furniture is an inexpensive way to give a room a different feel, Oursler says.

"And you de-clutter at the same time. People don't realize how easy it is for a space to get cluttered. Once you de-clutter, the space will feel brighter and bigger," she says.

As you rearrange, consider whether any of your pieces could be replaced with something less dense and heavy. If you have a heavy coffee table or solid wooden end tables, Oursler says, consider switching to lighter pieces made of metal and glass.

"You can find those relatively inexpensively, but they do make a big difference," she says.

Also, she adds, make your space feel taller and more open by adding some wainscoting painted white about two-thirds of the way up a wall, and decorate above it by adding grasscloth or paintings in that space just below the ceiling.

"Anything you can do to elevate a space," she says, "will make a room feel brighter because it will feel bigger."

Citrus scents and candles

Hildreth points out that scents can also brighten a room: Potted citrus trees in his sunroom add a crisp scent throughout the winter, but candles and diffusers can do the same.

Designer Jo Malone has an orange blossom candle that he says is perfect for brightening a room with a fresh citrus scent.

And for a finishing touch, Hildreth suggests adding a few gorgeous coffee-table books filled with images of sun-filled spaces. A winter day will feel a lot brighter, he says, if you spend an hour getting lost in colorful images.

HOUSE OF THE WEEK

Modern living with an open layout

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Mixed siding creates a modern facade, while elongated windows and a metal roof add timeless charm to this farmhouse design. See more images online at www.ePlans.com/collection/house-of-the-week.

Classic and chic, this design is all about modern living. A very open layout between the main living areas gives homeowners tons of space for entertaining. Our favorite spot? The open kitchen, with an island that calls out for appetizers and fun conversation before the main meal.

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The three-day expo will be from 5-8 p.m. Feb. 21, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Feb. 22 and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Feb. 23 at the Lake Michigan College Mendel Center, 2755 E. Napier Ave.

There will be more than 70 exhibitors and free workshops.

For more information, or to see the list of exhibitors, visit www.swmhomeshow.com.

For questions, contact Carol Weller 473-5035 or email cweller@hbaswm.com.

Celebrate the new year with free trees

Local residents can ring in the new year with free trees by joining the Arbor Day Foundation any time this month.

New members will receive 10 free flowering trees or five crape myrtles. The flowering trees include: two Sargent crabapples, three American redbuds, two Washington hawthorns and three white flowering dogwoods.

The trees are part of the foundation's Trees for America campaign. They will be shipped at the right time for planting – between Feb. 1 and May 31 – with planting instructions.

The 6- to 12-inch tall trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced for free.

Members also will receive a subscription to the foundation's bimonthly publication, Arbor Day, and The Tree Book, which includes information about tree planting and care.

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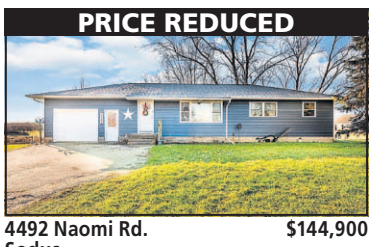

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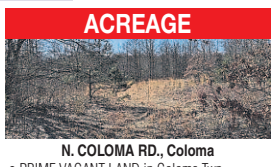

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January 21, 2020 at 7:00 PM in the Lula Lee Commission Chambers located at 200 E. Wall Street, Benton Harbor, Michigan. A copy of the audit has been made available on the City's website (www.bhcity.us).

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CITY OF BENTON HARBOR BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT, PA 267 OF 1976

A PUBLIC HEARING is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on January 20th, 2020 at a regular meeting of the Benton Harbor City Commission to be held in the Commission Chambers, 200 E. Wall St., for the purpose of establishing a Commercial Rehabilitation District for Chicago Industrial Real Estate, LLC's pursuant to Public Act 210 of 2005 for real property located at 825 Riverview Drive, Parcel ID #11-51-0804-0003-08-7.

If approved, a second Public Hearing will be held at 7:00p.m. on February 3rd, 2020 at a regular meeting of the Benton Harbor City Commission to be held in the Commission Chambers, 200 E. Wall St., for the purpose of considering an application for a Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate for Chicago Industrial Real Estate, LLC's pursuant to Public Act 210 of 2005 for real property located at 825 Riverview Drive, Parcel ID #11-51-0804-0003-08-7.

At such public hearings, the property owners, affected taxing units and residents of the City of Benton Harbor shall have the opportunity to appear and be heard.

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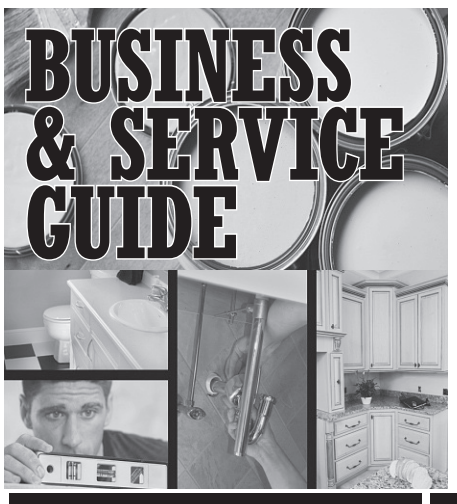

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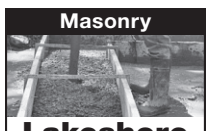

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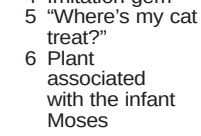

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ACROSS
1 Col. Potter on "M*A*S*H," to pals
6 Where Biles balances
10 GQ stat
14 Jokes around
19 Anne of "Psycho" (1998)
20 Something up your sleeve
21 Sign of hollowness
22 Idaho's Coeur d'__ River
23 1944 Italian beachhead
24 Standing lead-in
25 Broadway lighter
26 Terra __
27 Museum piece depicting a songbird battle?
30 Tabloid-worthy
31 Key fruit
32 Grafton of mystery
33 Mexican menu meat
34 Bayou sound
35 Pageant accessories
37 "Hulk" star Eric
38 Games go-with
39 KFC choice
40 Turkey concerned with the details?
44 Ed.'s inbox fillers
45 Oregon city namesake
48 Bank acct. item
49 Reach, finally
51 "High Hopes" lyricist
52 Quietly keeps in the loop
54 Dugout sight
56 Khan of Rufus
59 Item in a Blackpool boot
60 Massage response
61 Spot for an icicle
62 Rockies roamers
64 Find a purpose for
65 Supply for a bird-of-prey flu epidemic?
68 Cards with pics
69 Like Purell-treated hands
71 "Archie's Pals 'n' __": old comic book series
72 El Al's home: Abbr.
73 Tip-top
74 World Golf Hall of Famer Nancy
75 Frees (of)
76 __ jure: by the law itself
77 Genetic chains
78 Soapbox address
81 Blood pressure raiser
82 Talks like Daffy
83 Knight supporter?
84 Target audience for squawkdates.com?
89 __ star
90 Is afflicted with
91 Those, south of the border
92 Vital lines
95 Bluff and bluster
97 "Now you've done it!"
99 Lane target
100 Snack with a Green Tea version in China and Japan
102 Fighters
103 Troupe of pink entertainers?
106 Runs rampant
107 Panelist Love of "The Real"
108 It's high in France
109 MGM motto ender
110 Sleeper's option
111 "More than a beauty company" company
112 Gritty film genre
113 Persian faith
114 Uncertain ending words
115 Titanic problem
116 Virtually never loses to
117 Well past its prime

DOWN
1 Prayer garment
2 Matisse and Rousseau
3 Aloe target
4 Imitation gem
5 "Where's my cat treat?"
6 Plant associated with the infant Moses
7 Tie the knot on the run
8 "Frozen" princess
9 Performance with tricks
10 Primary
11 Trap during winter
12 River at Avignon
13 D.C. group
14 She played Kelly on "Charlie's Angels"
15 One way to read
16 Where seabirds grab buses?
17 Baits
18 Salty sort
28 "Just wait __!"
29 Baby spoiler, often
34 Last letter in radio lingo
36 That ship
37 Hoppers
38 Email abbr.
41 __ market
42 Threw a party for
43 N.Y. neighbor
44 Half a luau serving?
45 Real
46 Tells it like it is
47 Bird skilled at long hoops shots?
50 HMO doctor designations
52 Java neighbor
53 H.S. math course
54 Etail alternatives
55 Currier's partner
57 Take badly?
58 Take stock of
61 "Yikes!"
62 Gutless one
63 Farming prefix
65 Chichén __: Mayan ruins
66 Kept in a cask, say
67 Not as green
70 APB subject
73 Upper crust type
75 Hermione's guy
76 Nest egg plans
79 Royal until 1917
80 "__ for Innocent": Grafton
81 Music player with many generations
82 Ptr. paper size
83 Initiate
85 Legendary migrator
86 "Ozark" actor Morales
87 2020 Vegas NFLers, if the new stadium is ready
88 Chaplin of "Game of Thrones"
89 "Oh, really?"
90 Warn, feline-style
93 "Queen of Soul"
94 "To be continued" story
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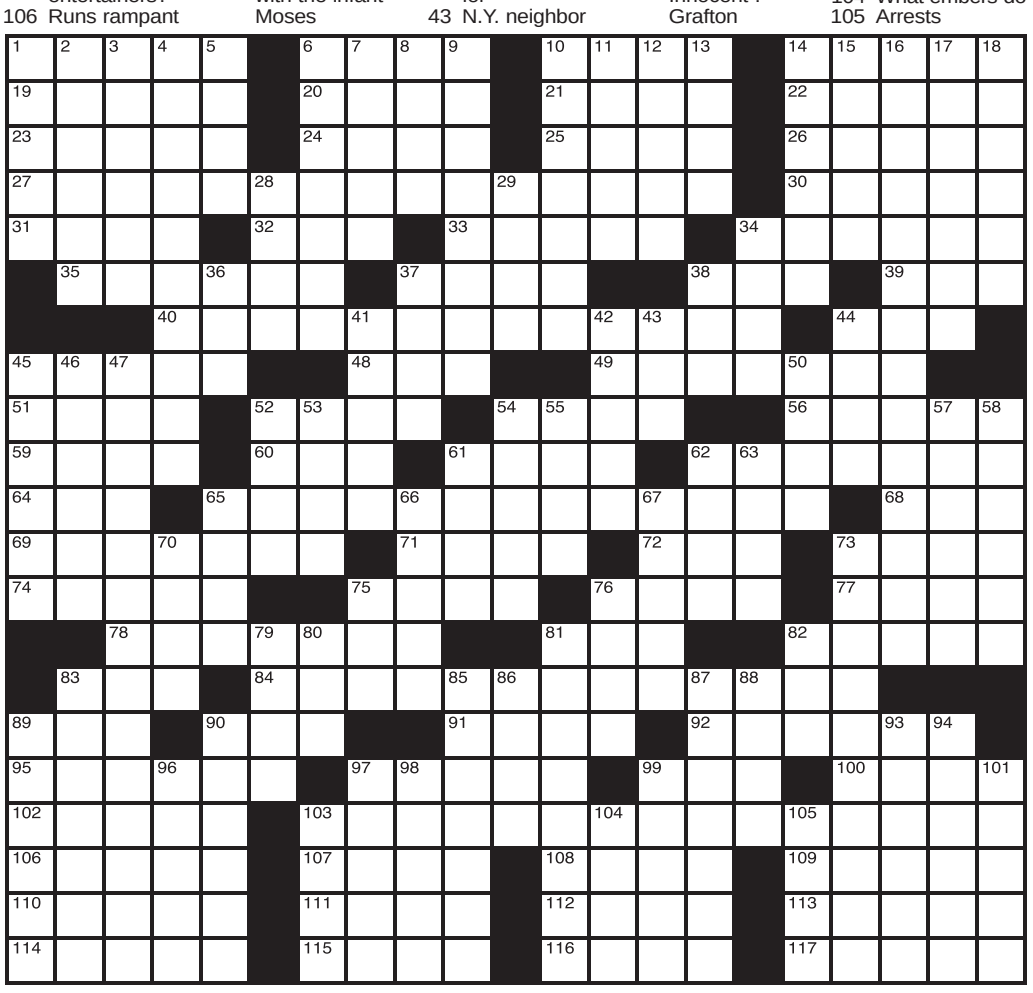

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BY EUGENIA LAST

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

Be open to new possibilities. Changes tailored to your needs will eliminate the fear of failure. Speak up for yourself to avoid being misrepresented, and approach physical or emotional risks with caution. If you stay in control, you'll reach your goals. Romance is featured.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A change someone makes will confuse you. Don't be tempted to follow others' dubious actions. You are best off sticking to the methods that have worked for you in the past.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Use your intelligence and experience to keep heading in a practical and meaningful direction. Keep your emotions out of your conversations and avoid controversial topics and people who don't share your beliefs.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Travel and educational pursuits will give you the boost you need to decide what you want to do next. A romantic encounter will highlight your day.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Concentrate on what you can accomplish and stop worrying about something you have no control over. A secret surprise will turn out amazingly well and will please a loved one.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) When in doubt, ask questions. You may not get all the facts or understand what someone wants from you if you don't pay attention. Charm will get you only so far.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) A change at home or to your current lifestyle looks promising. Proper diet and exercise will help you improve your stamina and overall health. Learn to say "no" to unreasonable demands.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Fix up your surroundings to suit your needs. A creative project will turn out better than anticipated. Home additions should add to your comfort and convenience. Make romance and family fun priorities.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Don't express your feelings until you feel calm and sure about what it is you want to change in your life. A positive approach will bring the best results.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Listen to what others have to say, but don't reveal your opinion. Hold off making a move until you are sure the results are going to be beneficial. Romance is encouraged.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Evaluate your position and research the possibilities that are open to you. Use your intelligence to ferret out information and people who can contribute to your success.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Keep your thoughts to yourself until you know where you stand. Someone will use emotional tactics to manipulate you. A romantic evening will change the way you feel.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Use your intelligence and experience to navigate the choices you have to make. Don't feel that you must take on a physical challenge to impress someone.

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HOMES for SALE

IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

Husband has a habit of popping the hood

DEAR CAR TALK: Please settle a contentious issue between my husband and me.

He is an electrical engineer who is never wrong, and I am a housewife who values her pride and is tired of being embarrassed in public.

We have agreed to abide by your decision, although I think my husband may renege on this agreement if you decide in my favor!

Ray Magliozzi
Car Talk

We have a 2017 Volkswagen Golf, a 2016 Toyota Tundra and a 2019 Subaru Legacy. The contentious issue is my husband's belief that driving these vehicles during the hot summer months for more than 10 miles necessitates raising the hood after parking the vehicle, essentially to "let the heat out."

If we go to the grocery store, he raises the hood in the parking lot. If we drive out of town, he will raise the hood at the rest stop and again at our destination.

If we drive 15 minutes to go out to eat, he pops the hood at the restaurant. I am tired of nice, concerned strangers approaching us to see if we "need any help."

Surely in this day and age, cars and trucks have fans or refrigerants that will automatically help cool the engine when a vehicle is stopped!

If you say this practice is good for the car or truck, I will swallow my pride and try to accept the fact that we are the only ones ever to do this, wherever we go!

Love your advice and your column. Thanks for your thoughts. – Becky

DEAR BECKY: We feel for you, sister.

You're absolutely right. The fact that nobody else on the planet except Hood-Up-Henry does this (and no manufacturer recommends it) is a pretty good clue that it's 100 percent unnecessary.

Car engines are designed to run hot. They have robust cooling systems, and fans that are designed to come on even after the car is shut off, when necessary.

But unfortunately, you married an engineer. And engineers focus on the theoretical.

Even theoretically, the engine itself – the pistons, crankshaft and valves – is unaffected by how long it takes the heat to dissipate. But there are rubber belts, seals and hoses whose lives could be extended by (according to our detailed calculations) up to 11 minutes total over the life of the car if he dutifully raises the hood after each and every drive.

Is it worth it? No. I would say just in marital strife, he's already on the losing side of the ledger.

Then you factor in the wear and tear on the springs, hinges and pistons that hold up the hood, the hood latch and the hood latch cable, and the dry-cleaning bills from the grease he gets on his restaurant clothes, and I'd say he'll never catch up, no matter how many minutes of life he adds to his belts and hoses.

But as you wisely – and probably correctly – predict in your letter, telling him he's theoretically right but practically all wet is not going to get him to change his behavior. For that, you may have to resort to trickery.

Here's what I'd do. Next time you two have restaurant reservations, pay some neighborhood kid to stop by while you're eating and steal the battery.

Your husband will acknowledge that his hood-up habit just cost him $90. But he'll argue it's a fluke, and that he's still saving money in the long run. So, a month later, pay the kid to do it again.

That ought to persuade him that there's great benefit to keeping the hood latched closed in public places.

If not, we give up, Becky, and all we can offer you is our admiration and sympathy.

Got a question about cars? Write to Ray Magliozzi in care of King Features, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803, or email him by visiting the Car Talk website: www.cartalk.com.

Ugly car. Polarizing car. Is there a difference?

It's time for some fun. For today's column I've come up with some vehicle candidates that appear on two lists; the "most ugly" list and the "most polarizing" list. Some can argue that ugly and polarizing almost could mean the same thing when pertaining to automobiles. Indeed, I can think of several vehicles that can wear both crowns. The "most ugly" list is definitely subjective in nature. What I think is ugly may be a reader's most handsome. The "most polarizing" list that I've prepared, on the other hand, is based on comments made by others over the decades about vehicles that elicited a lot of controversy. Ironically, some actually found a good number of buyers and were quite successful in the marketplace.

Dar Davis

Here's my candidates for most ugly (just a few, there are so many). Please remember that my choices are subjective: I find them ugly, you may find them lovely. It's OK. Perhaps a vehicle that's on just about everyone's list of ugly cars is the Pontiac Aztek crossover. I'm not a huge fan of the utility vehicle but I don't hate it, especially the later versions that Pontiac improved by painting the gray body cladding that initially encircled the vehicle with body color. The Aztek, and similar sibling Buick Rendezvous, were not great sellers and it seems few mourn their passing. Also on just about every ugly list ever compiled since 1974 are the AMC triplets: Pacer, Matador coupe and the cute little compact Gremlin. Me, I like all three. But I guess the Pacer's bulbous profile, the Matador's rather wide-eyed look up front and the Gremlin's stubby little rear just pushed people's "ugly" buttons.

I bet I don't get too many arguments by putting on the ugly list both the 1958 Buick and the Olds. One only has to compare them to their previous year's attractive 1957 predecessors or to the beautifully sculpted finned mid-priced 1957-1958 competitors from Chrysler Corporation to see why the Buick and Olds appear on most lists. The 1958 GM models were the last offered under the direction of GM Vice President of Design Harley Earl. A common comment making the rounds at the time of these cars' introduction was that chrome was applied to GM cars in 1958 using a trowel. Need proof? Just look at either Buick's sparkling grille with 160 faceted chrome squares, or Olds' rear quarter featuring a chrome trim that reminds one of the treble clef on music staff paper. Enough said. Goodbye Harly Earl, have a happy retirement.

Don't fear, I have some good candidates for most polarizing too. I'm thinking I will get little argument on my first pick. Just introduced late last year, Elon Musk's latest all-electric model has created quite a buzz – the kind of buzz where the word ugly appears nearly in every sentence written about it. I'm talking about the Tesla Cybertruck that looks like a pickup truck designed by a third-grader using a straight edge. Apparently Elon wanted his truck to be controversial and, boy, did he get his wish. I can't wait until the vehicle appears for sale. Will the new Cybertruck follow the path of the Dodge Ram with its polarizing "big rig" look starting in 1993 and be a big success? Or will it take a page from the mid-'50s Edsel debacle over at Ford? Both efforts were calculated risks, but Ram gets an A, Edsel an F. The Edsel never lived down the "it's an Olds sucking a lemon" taunt. Can the Cybertruck live down the "Bladerunner" tag?

I really liked the Chrysler PT Cruiser when it came out at the turn of the century. I even contemplated buying one before deciding on my 2001 Neon. It's styling was certainly polarizing with its retro grille and panel truck rear end, but fortunately, like the Dodge Ram before it, the PT strongly appealed to a broad audience and became a big hit. Another polarizing domestic vehicle that has been with us for 10 years but will soon be off Ford dealer lots is the three-box crossover Ford Flex. If ever there was a car that could be called the "box" that all the other crossovers came in, it's the Flex. Ironically, it was never a huge seller but over the years it appealed to about 20,000 to 30,000 buyers annually, especially in California, and apparently made some money for Ford.

Up to now I've only picked on domestic vehicles. There are a few foreign vehicles that appear on the polarizing list. I'm looking at you Nissan Juke, Nissan Cube and Scion xB. All three are eyeball grabbers, but not necessarily in a good way. They all went out of their way to look, well, different – and they succeeded brilliantly. All three were quite popular but you won't ever find them at a future Concours, winning the most beautiful car trophy.

There are many cars that are really charter members of both the "ugly and polarizing" club. Two in particular come to mind from my list of candidates above. Certainly Tesla's Cybertruck wins hands down and I'd put the little Scion xB on that list as well. I'm sure most readers have some candidates that I've left off. Just as I'm sure that some of the models I picked are on your favorite list. That's OK. Variety is the spice of life and we always need to remember that. Thank goodness we automotive consumers in the U.S. enjoy a wide range of tasty vehicles to pick from, ugly or polarizing or not. It's what make the car-buying experience so much fun.

Note to readers. If you don't recall what a vehicle mentioned above looks like just go to the web, type in "photo of a 19XX brand and model" and you'll be rewarded with lots of pictures.

Trivia answer: Bill Mitchell.

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Dar Davis / HP correspondent

An overly chromed vehicle is not a pretty sight and for that reason Dar has placed the 1958 Buick on his ugly list since forever. Perhaps best known for its sparkly grille featuring 160 faceted chrome rectangles, the 1958 Buick's rear quarter also displays to good effect the overuse of chrome, a hallmark of most GM cars that year.

Photo provided

Engineering-wise, the 1934 Chrysler Coupe and DeSoto Airflow sedans and coupes were standouts and trendsetters. Style-wise ... not so much. Engineers studied aerodynamics and created the new Airflows with looks never seen on a car before. Unfortunately the flush headlights, slantback grilles and other aero tricks came off as being clumsy looking, many said ugly looking. Sales were poor and the Airflows were gone after 1937.

Trivia question

Harley Earl is credited with creating the over-chromed 1958 Buick and Oldsmobile. Who was Earl's successor in 1959?

BEHIND THE WHEEL

5 noteworthy electric vehicles to buy in 2020

By CARLOS LAGO
Edmunds (AP)

Your options for a new electric vehicle in 2020 are more diverse than ever. There will be an EV for nearly every vehicle type. But increased choice also makes it harder to choose. We have selected five top EVs that you'll want to consider.

These vehicles have a range of at least 200 miles – which our experts have found to be easily sufficient for EV driving – and are on sale now, or will be soon. We've arranged them in ascending order of price. All prices include destination charges and do not include any federal tax credits or state incentives.

2019 Kia Niro EV

EPA estimated range: 239 miles
Starting price: $39,545

While also available as a hybrid, the Niro EV is our preference for its smoother, quieter and more pleasant driving experience. It comes fully featured with excellent phone integration and safety technology. You can even get upscale features such as ventilated front seats and a heated steering wheel.

The Niro EV is also surprisingly sporty. It accelerates quickly and is stable and nimble when driving around turns. You'll have a lot more fun driving the Niro EV than a traditional fuel-efficient car.

On the downside, the Niro doesn't offer a whole lot of cargo space. Also, although Kia has marketed the Niro as a crossover SUV, all-wheel drive is not available.

2020 Tesla Model 3

EPA estimated range: 250-322 miles
Starting price: $41,190

While Tesla says its new Model Y SUV is coming for 2020, you also have to remember that the company has a poor track record for hitting its deadlines. That leaves the Model 3 as the most affordable and fun-to-drive Tesla that you can buy right now. In many ways the Model 3 also betters established luxury sedans such as the BMW 3 Series.

Another big advantage to buying the Model 3, at least compared to other EVs, is the greater ease of long-distance driving thanks to Tesla's extensive network of fast chargers. But owning a Model 3 can be frustrating at times because of its touchscreen control interface and lack of smartphone integration.

We have also found that Tesla's range figures tend to be optimistic compared to what you'll get in real-world driving.

2021 Ford Mustang Mach-E

Ford's estimated range: 210-300 miles
Starting price: $44,995

The Mustang Mach-E is likely going to be the most popular new EV to debut in 2020. This sleekly styled SUV's lineup ranges from a commuter-friendly long-distance configuration to a performance GT model with 459 horsepower and a 0-60 mph time of 3.5 seconds. Rear-wheel or all-wheel drive is available.

Take a seat inside and you'll find a large vertical central touchscreen and digital display ahead of the steering wheel. Those screens will debut Ford's latest iteration of its Sync infotainment system.

In terms of size, the Mach-E slots between Ford's Escape and Edge SUVs, which means there's plenty of space for people and cargo. This is a proper family SUV. Look for the Mach-E deliveries to start in the fall of 2020.

2019 Audi e-tron

EPA estimated range: 204 miles
Starting price: $75,795

You might be dismayed that the e-tron's EPA-estimate range barely crests 200 miles. But this is still enough for most drivers' needs. It's also pretty easy to overlook considering the e-tron's other attributes.

Driving comfort is superb thanks to the supportive front seats, smooth ride and quiet interior. The e-tron also provides effortless acceleration when you need it.

Being an Audi, the e-tron is packed with technology and luxury features. The infotainment system can seem overly complex at times, but in return you get crisp-looking screens, a great sound system and plenty of functionality.

2020 Porsche Taycan

Range: 201 miles
Starting price: $105,150

The Taycan is Porsche's first EV, and it's a multi-talented one. You can use it just like a regular luxury sedan thanks to its four doors and two trunks, or you can drive it like a sports car and enjoy its rapid acceleration and hunkered-down handling.

It's so good that we have come away thinking that it's a better buy than the brand's iconic 911.

Porsche is offering a few Taycan trim levels. The most powerful is the 750-horsepower Turbo S. Yet the base 4S trim level is so thoroughly satisfying that we question the need to spend more.

All Taycans have a modern yet familiar interior design and offer enough room in back for 6-foot passengers. Other enhancements, such as a charge port on each fender, make the Taycan compelling from an electric vehicle standpoint as well.

Answer To Today's Puzzle

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HOROSCOPE

BY EUGENIA LAST

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

Take pride in what you do and how you treat others, and the response you get will help you turn this into a memorable year. Use your intuition and experience to bring about positive change for you and your community. Make love a priority.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Honesty will help you drum up the support you need to get ahead. If you share your feelings, you will be able to resolve an issue that has been standing in your way.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Put some energy and initiative behind your ideas. Be ready to deal with last-minute changes or people who don't come through for you. Know your boundaries and limitations.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Handle personal matters calmly. If you or someone else gets all worked up, you won't resolve anything. Positive change happens when balance and equality are maintained. Pay attention to detail.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Travel will result in knowledge and a better understanding of what you will be doing next. Your ability to see all sides of an issue will give you leverage when discussing your intentions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You may not agree with the changes someone makes, but if you take care of your affairs and remain quiet, you will avoid a dispute. Protect your reputation and security.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You are best off handling relationships with care. Your expectations may not measure up to what someone close to you anticipates. Don't wait until a situation gets out of hand. Offer suggestions and incentives now.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Make serious decisions and personal changes that will improve your life, home environment and relationship with a loved one. A reunion will bring back fond memories.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Don't sit around accomplishing little. Accept an invitation, do something that will help you obtain better health or add to your knowledge. You can improve your life!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Don't hesitate to make a change. What you discover will open a passage to new friendships, financial possibilities and personal growth. Love and romance will enrich your life.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Balancing your responsibilities will be easy if you are practical and moderate and also know when to say no. Be precise regarding what you are willing to do for others.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Be reasonable if someone challenges you. Injury is likely if you take on more than you can handle. You'll make a better impression if you promote peace and love, instead of showing physical strength.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Look at your to-do list and get to work. A practical approach will help you get things done promptly. Once finished, enjoy some serious relaxation.

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REBATE	- 1,750
CHRYSLER CAPITAL BONUS CASH*	- 750
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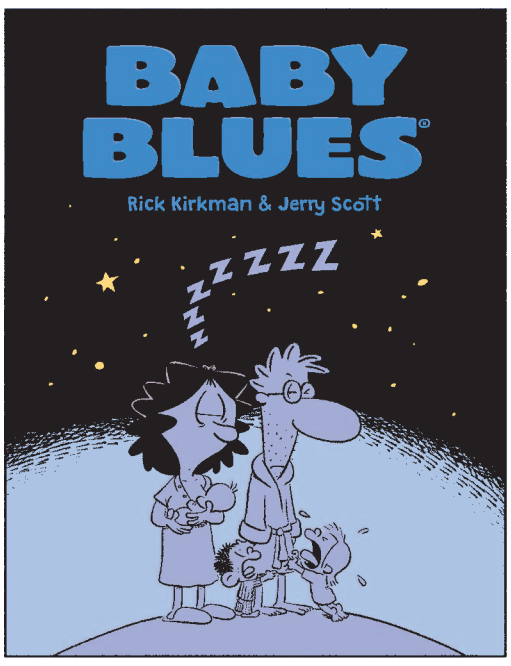

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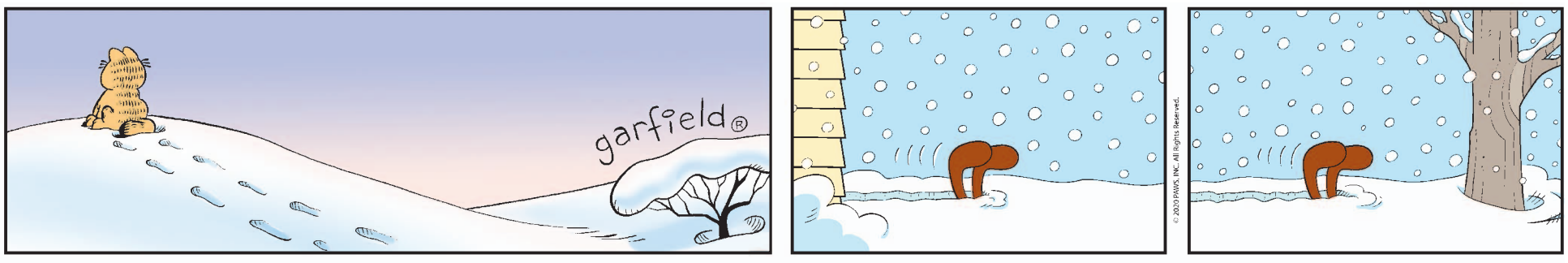

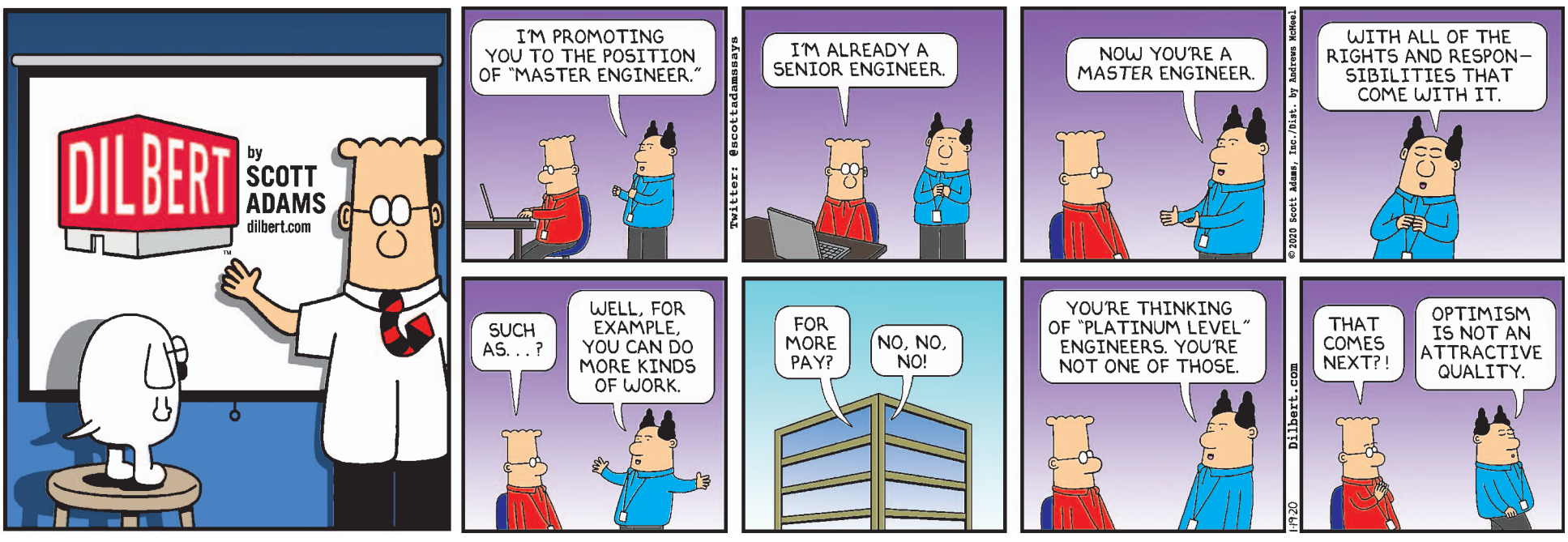
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I'M ALREADY A SENIOR ENGINEER.
NOW YOU'RE A MASTER ENGINEER.
WITH ALL OF THE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES THAT COME WITH IT.
SUCH AS...?
WELL, FOR EXAMPLE, YOU CAN DO MORE KINDS OF WORK.
FOR MORE PAY?
NO, NO, NO!
YOU'RE THINKING OF "PLATINUM LEVEL" ENGINEERS. YOU'RE NOT ONE OF THOSE.
THAT COMES NEXT?!
OPTIMISM IS NOT AN ATTRACTIVE QUALITY.
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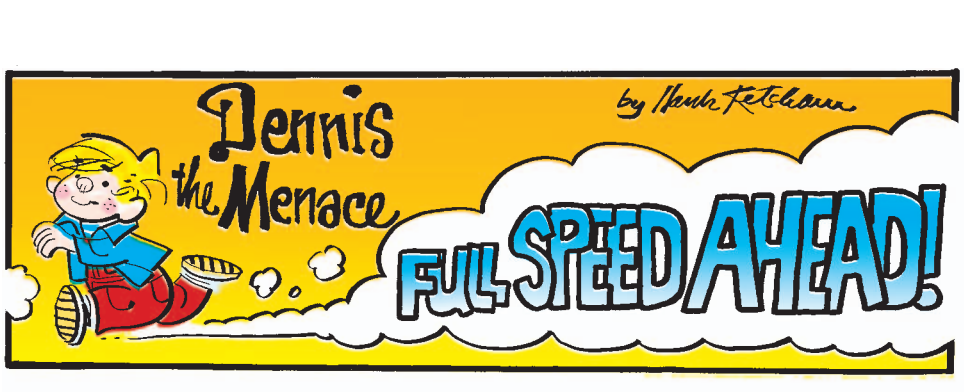

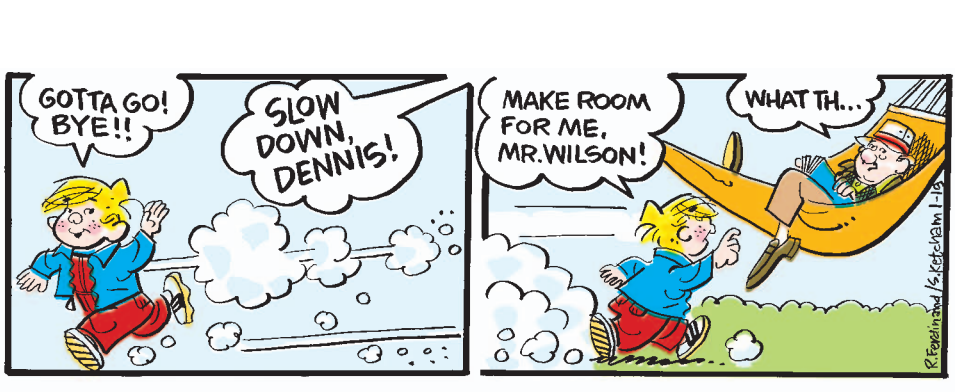

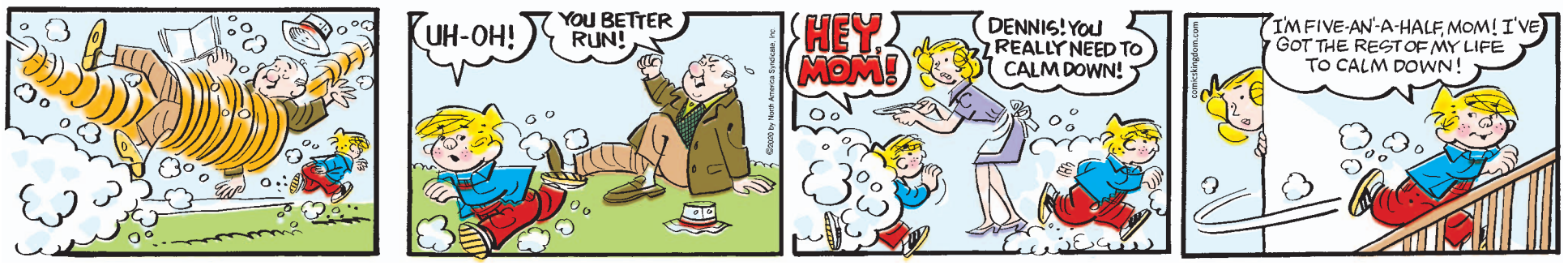
UH-OH!
YOU BETTER RUN!
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HEY, MOM!
DENNIS! YOU REALLY NEED TO CALM DOWN!
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I'M FIVE-AN'-A-HALF, MOM! I'VE GOT THE REST OF MY LIFE TO CALM DOWN!

Curtis
by RAY BILLINGSLEY
SAY, DAD, GOT A MINUTE?
SURE, CURTIS
DAD, DO YOU THINK IT'S BETTER TO ANALYZE A SITUATION OR GO WITH YOUR GUT FEELING?
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GUT FEELING! DEFINITELY YOUR GUT FEELING, CURTIS!
IT'S PAST A "WHIM," MORE THAN A "NOTION," AND STRONGER THAN A "HUNCH"!
PEOPLE TEND TO MAKE THEIR BIGGEST MISTAKES BY NOT FOLLOWING THEIR GUT FEELINGS!
THEY COME FROM DEEP WITHIN, LIKE INSTINCT! THAT'S WHY THEY'RE CALLED "GUT FEELINGS"!
TRUST YOUR GUT FEELING, CURTIS! IT WON'T STEER YOU WRONG!
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THANKS FOR THE ADVICE, DAD
GLAD I COULD HELP, CURTIS! ANYTIME!
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I WAS GOING TO TELL HIM THAT I SPENT A TEN-DOLLAR BILL I FOUND ON HIS DRESSER, BUT MY GUT FEELING TOLD ME NOT TO!
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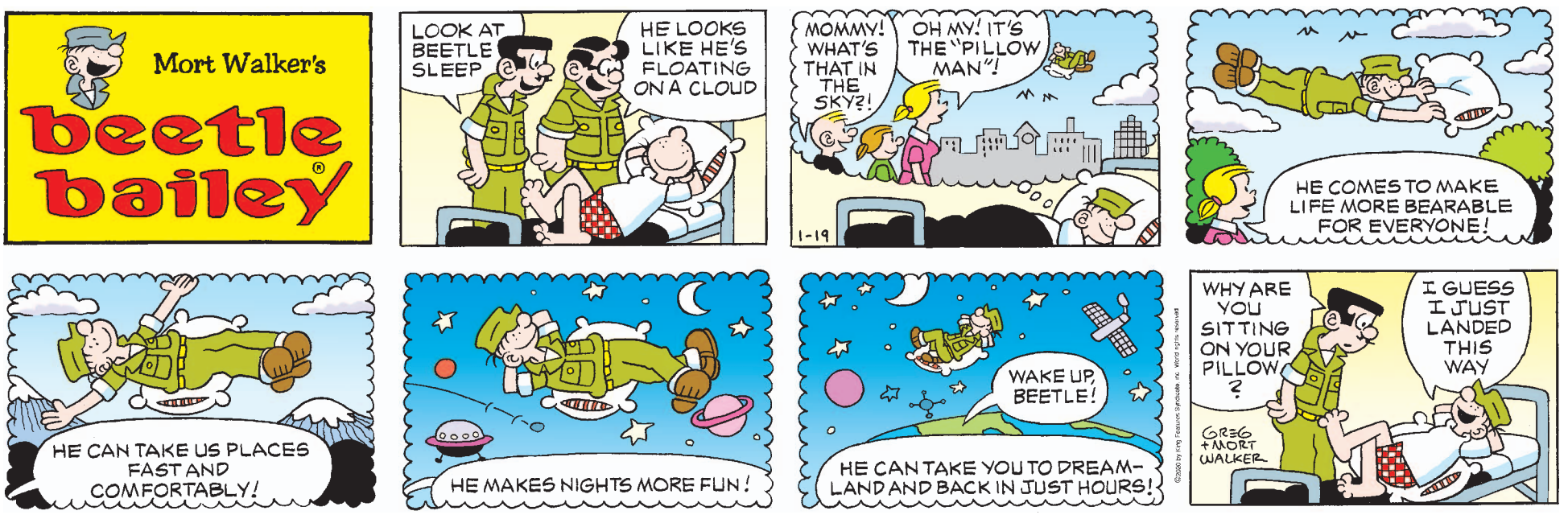
LOOK AT BEETLE SLEEP
HE LOOKS LIKE HE'S FLOATING ON A CLOUD
MOMMY! WHAT'S THAT IN THE SKY?!
OH MY! IT'S THE "PILLOW MAN"!
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HE COMES TO MAKE LIFE MORE BEARABLE FOR EVERYONE!
HE CAN TAKE US PLACES FAST AND COMFORTABLY!
HE MAKES NIGHTS MORE FUN!
WAKE UP, BEETLE!
HE CAN TAKE YOU TO DREAM-LAND AND BACK IN JUST HOURS!
WHY ARE YOU SITTING ON YOUR PILLOW?
I GUESS I JUST LANDED THIS WAY
GREG + MORT WALKER
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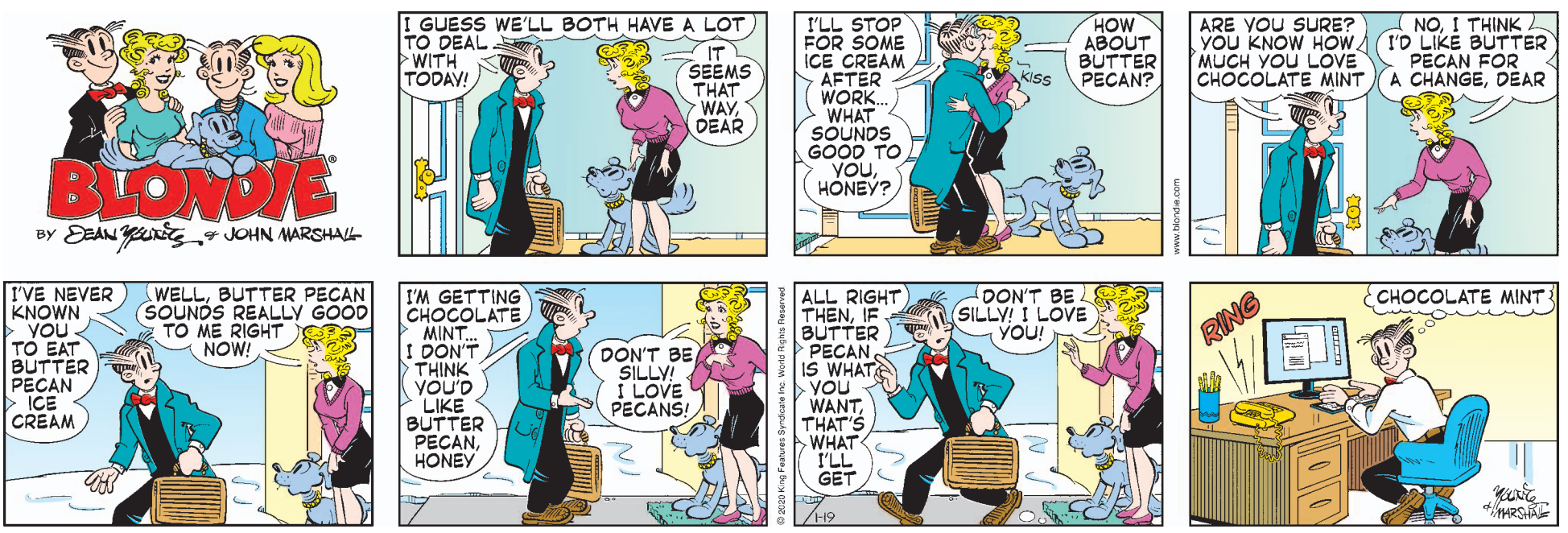
BY DEAN YOUNG & JOHN MARSHALL


I GUESS WE'LL BOTH HAVE A LOT TO DEAL WITH TODAY!
IT SEEMS THAT WAY, DEAR
I'LL STOP FOR SOME ICE CREAM AFTER WORK... WHAT SOUNDS GOOD TO YOU, HONEY?
KISS
HOW ABOUT BUTTER PECAN?
ARE YOU SURE? YOU KNOW HOW MUCH YOU LOVE CHOCOLATE MINT
NO, I THINK I'D LIKE BUTTER PECAN FOR A CHANGE, DEAR
I'VE NEVER KNOWN YOU TO EAT BUTTER PECAN ICE CREAM
WELL, BUTTER PECAN SOUNDS REALLY GOOD TO ME RIGHT NOW!
I'M GETTING CHOCOLATE MINT... I DON'T THINK YOU'D LIKE BUTTER PECAN, HONEY
DON'T BE SILLY! I LOVE PECANS!
ALL RIGHT THEN, IF BUTTER PECAN IS WHAT YOU WANT, THAT'S WHAT I'LL GET
DON'T BE SILLY! I LOVE YOU!
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RING
CHOCOLATE MINT
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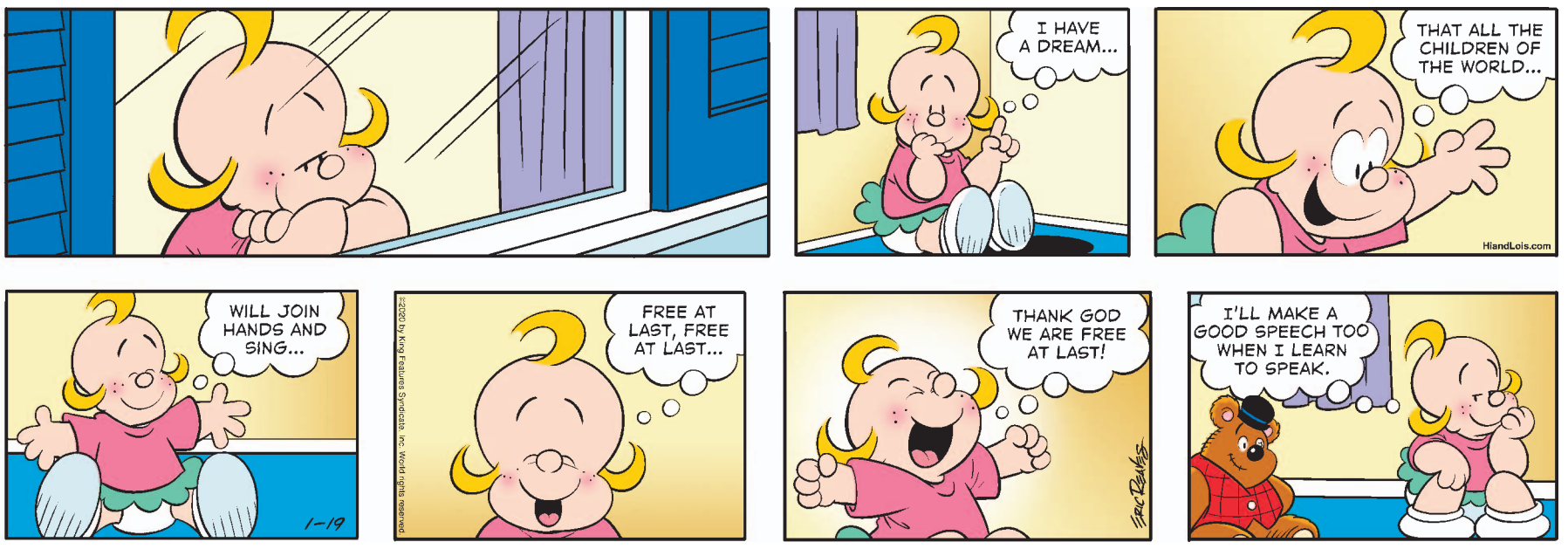
MUTTS

Patrick McDonnell

Hi and Lois

by BRIAN and GREG WALKER


I HAVE A DREAM...
THAT ALL THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD...
HiandLois.com
WILL JOIN HANDS AND SING...
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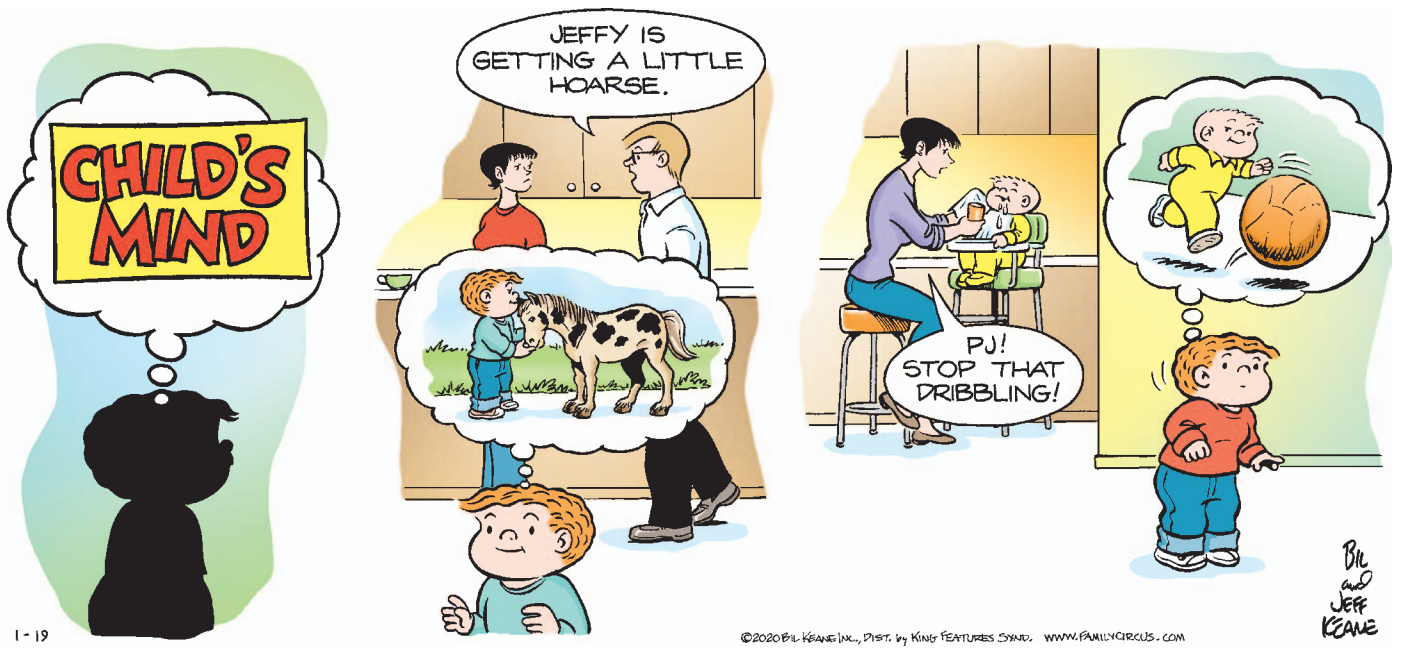
FREE AT LAST, FREE AT LAST...
THANK GOD WE ARE FREE AT LAST!
ERIC REYNOLDS
I'LL MAKE A GOOD SPEECH TOO WHEN I LEARN TO SPEAK.

The FAMILY CIRCUS®

By Bil Keane


CHILD'S MIND
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JEFFY IS GETTING A LITTLE HOARSE.
PJ! STOP THAT DRIBBLING!
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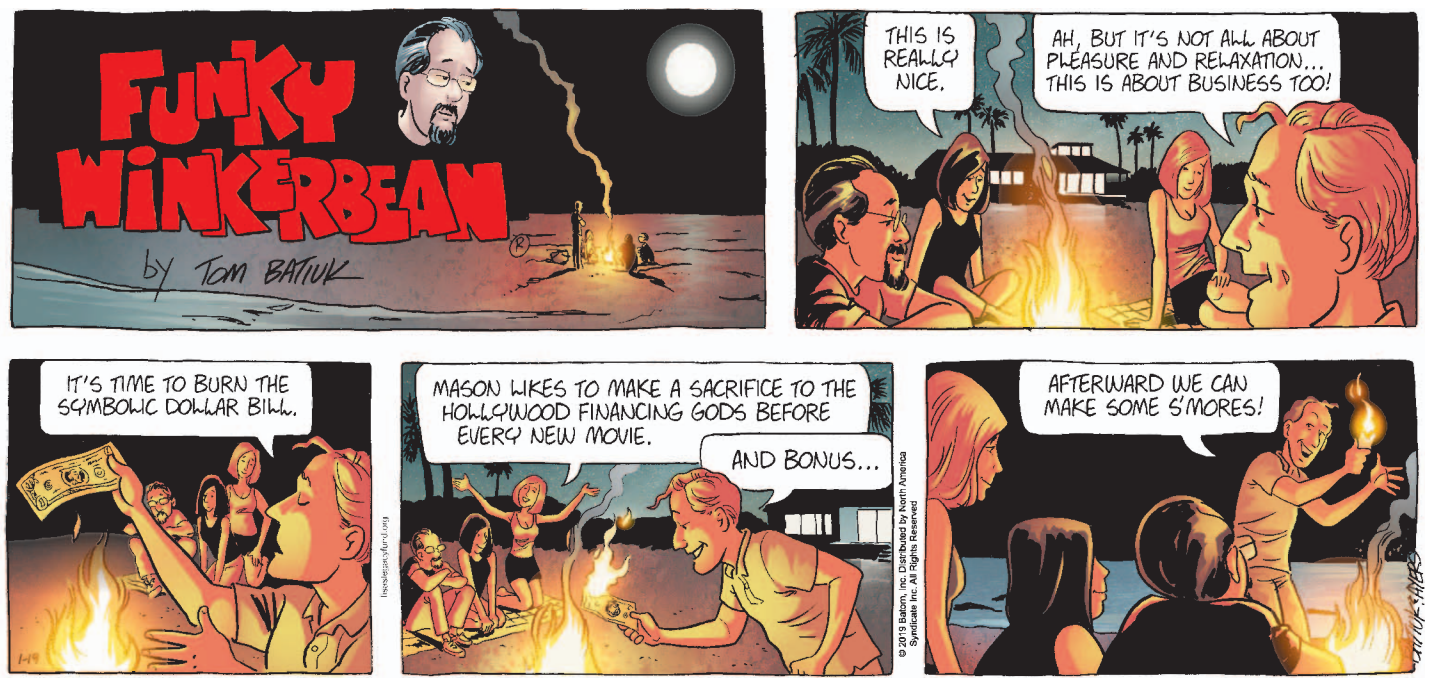
FUNKY WINKERBEAN

by Tom BATIUK


THIS IS REALLY NICE.
AH, BUT IT'S NOT ALL ABOUT PLEASURE AND RELAXATION... THIS IS ABOUT BUSINESS TOO!
IT'S TIME TO BURN THE SYMBOLIC DOLLAR BILL.
MASON LIKES TO MAKE A SACRIFICE TO THE HOLLYWOOD FINANCING GODS BEFORE EVERY NEW MOVIE.
AND BONUS...
AFTERWARD WE CAN MAKE SOME S'MORES!
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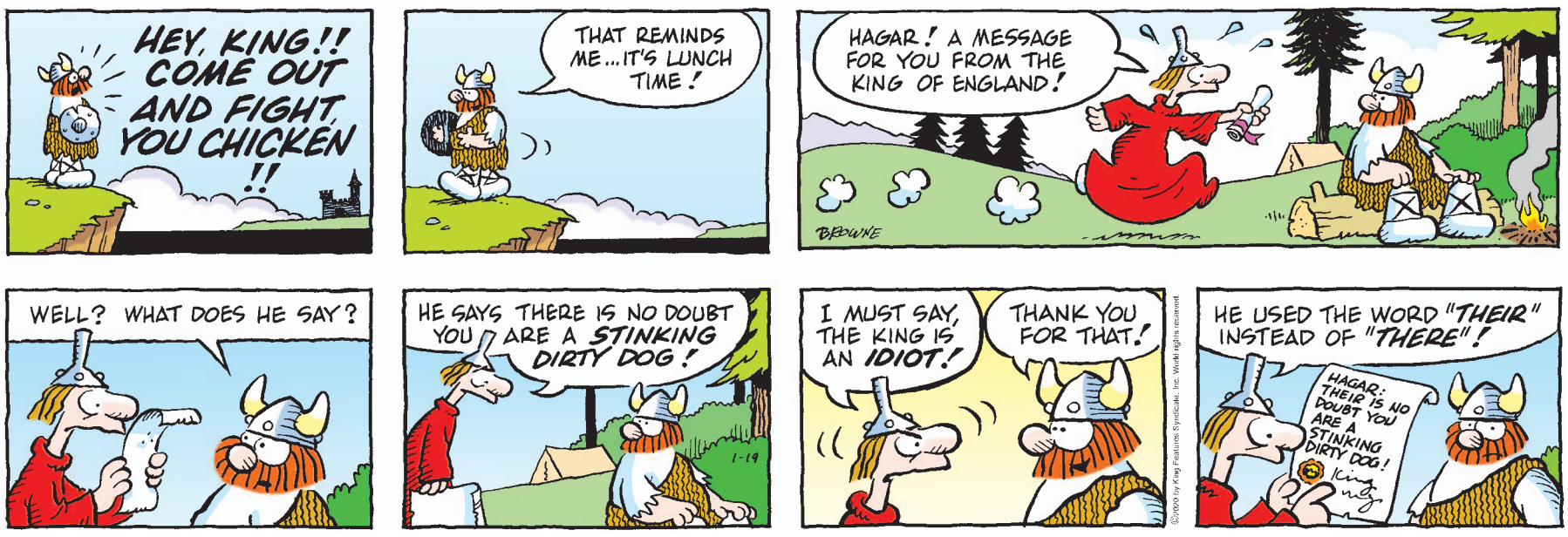
HAGAR the horrible

by DIK BROWNE


HEY, KING!! COME OUT AND FIGHT, YOU CHICKEN!!
THAT REMINDS ME... IT'S LUNCH TIME!
HAGAR! A MESSAGE FOR YOU FROM THE KING OF ENGLAND!
BROWNE
WELL? WHAT DOES HE SAY?
HE SAYS THERE IS NO DOUBT YOU ARE A STINKING DIRTY DOG!
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I MUST SAY, THE KING IS AN IDIOT!
THANK YOU FOR THAT!
HE USED THE WORD "THEIR" INSTEAD OF "THERE"!
HAGAR: THEIR IS NO DOUBT YOU ARE A STINKING DIRTY DOG!
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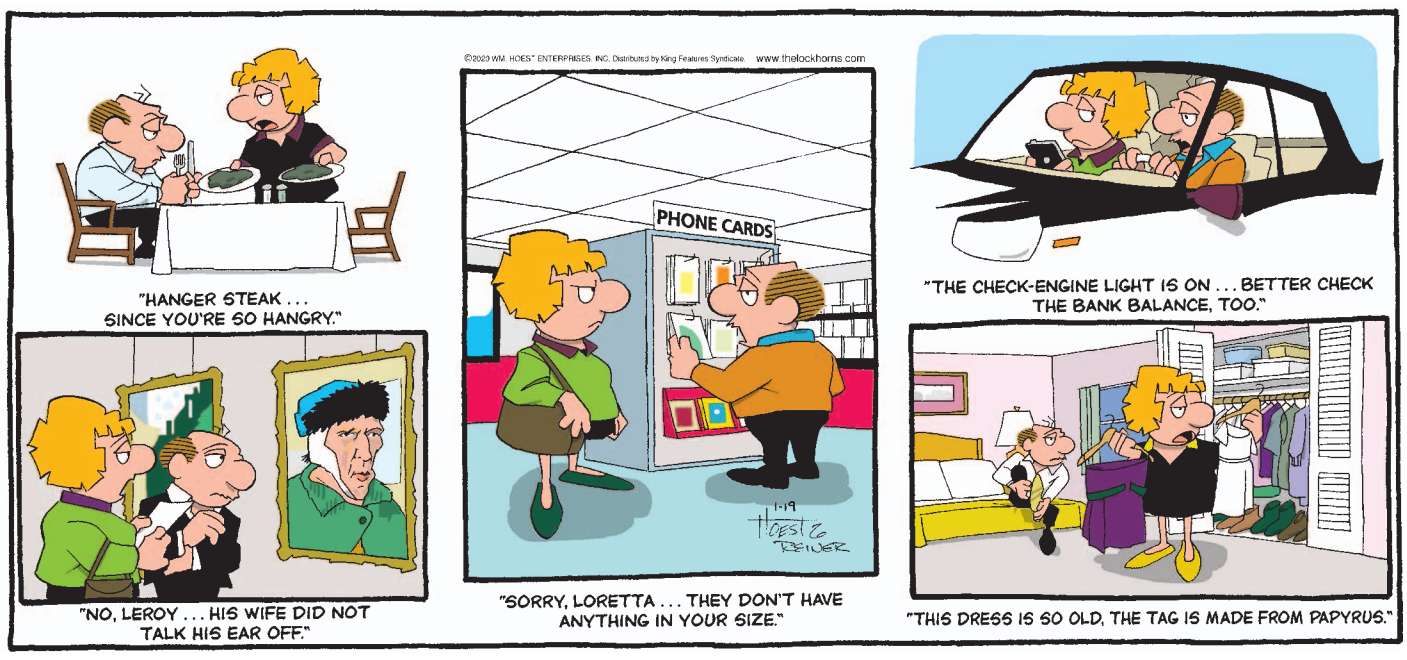
THE LOCKHORNS

BY BUNNY HOEST AND JOHN REINER


"HANGER STEAK . . . SINCE YOU'RE SO HANGRY."
"NO, LEROY . . . HIS WIFE DID NOT TALK HIS EAR OFF."
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PHONE CARDS
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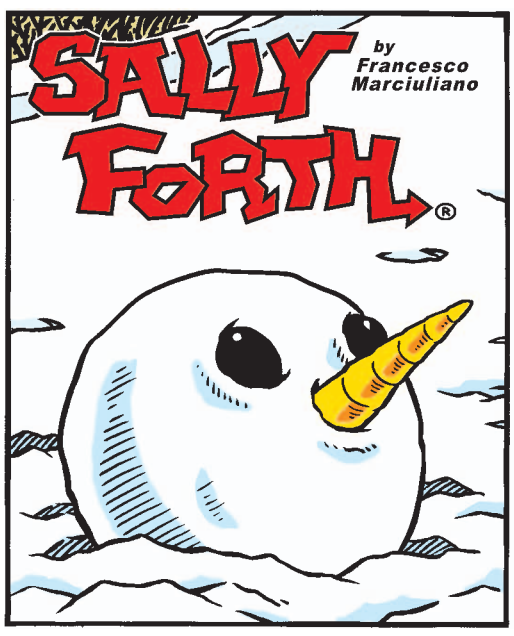
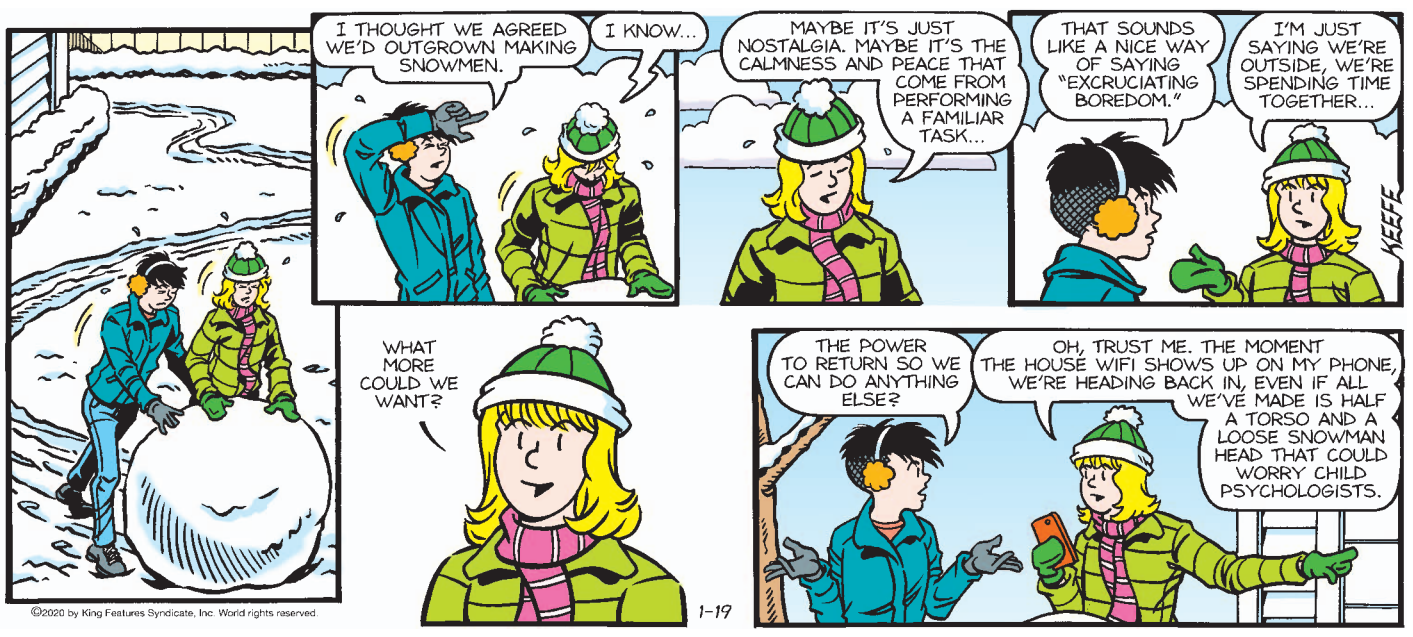
HOEST & REINER
"SORRY, LORETTA . . . THEY DON'T HAVE ANYTHING IN YOUR SIZE."
"THE CHECK-ENGINE LIGHT IS ON . . . BETTER CHECK THE BANK BALANCE, TOO."
"THIS DRESS IS SO OLD, THE TAG IS MADE FROM PAPYRUS."

SALLY FORTH®

by Francesco Marciuliano




I THOUGHT WE AGREED WE'D OUTGROWN MAKING SNOWMEN.
I KNOW...
MAYBE IT'S JUST NOSTALGIA. MAYBE IT'S THE CALMNESS AND PEACE THAT COME FROM PERFORMING A FAMILIAR TASK...
THAT SOUNDS LIKE A NICE WAY OF SAYING "EXCRUCIATING BOREDOM."
I'M JUST SAYING WE'RE OUTSIDE, WE'RE SPENDING TIME TOGETHER...
KEEFE
WHAT MORE COULD WE WANT?
THE POWER TO RETURN SO WE CAN DO ANYTHING ELSE?
OH, TRUST ME. THE MOMENT THE HOUSE WIFI SHOWS UP ON MY PHONE, WE'RE HEADING BACK IN, EVEN IF ALL WE'VE MADE IS HALF A TORSO AND A LOOSE SNOWMAN HEAD THAT COULD WORRY CHILD PSYCHOLOGISTS.
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ZITS

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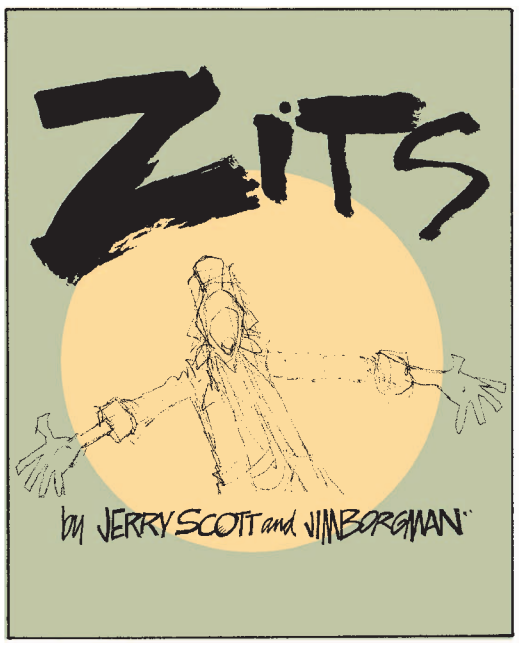

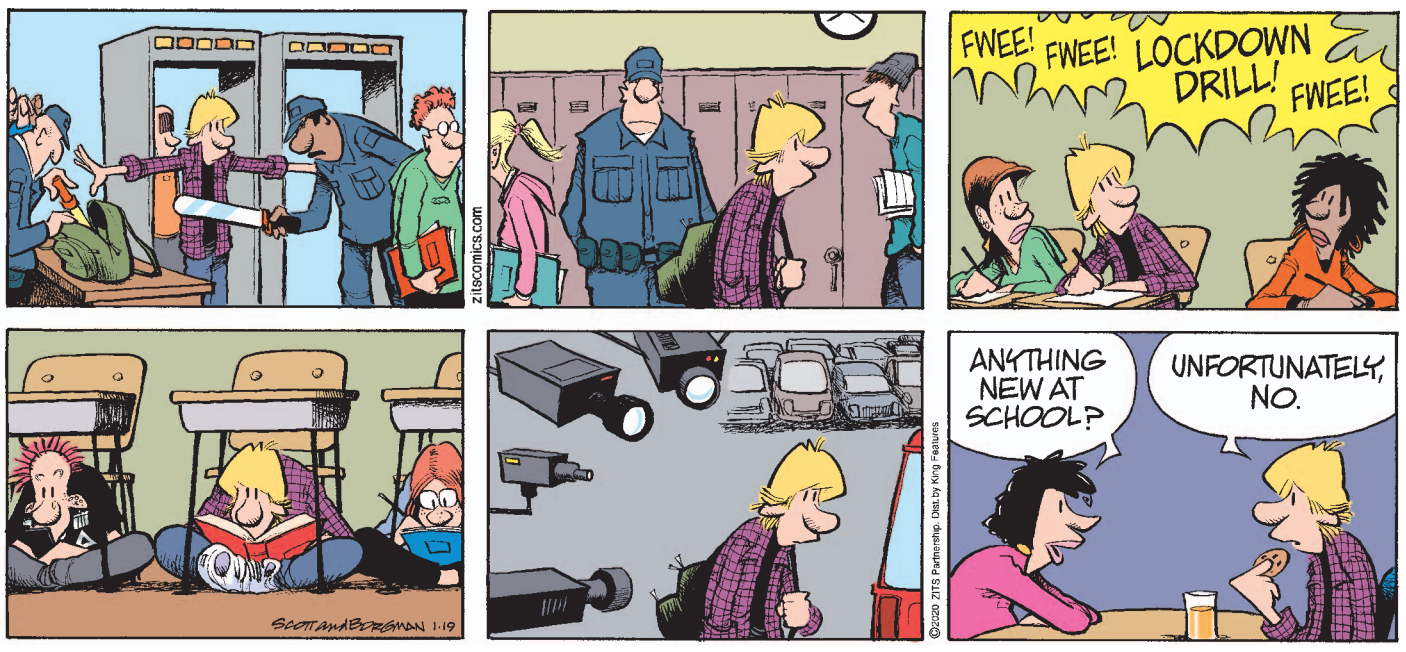

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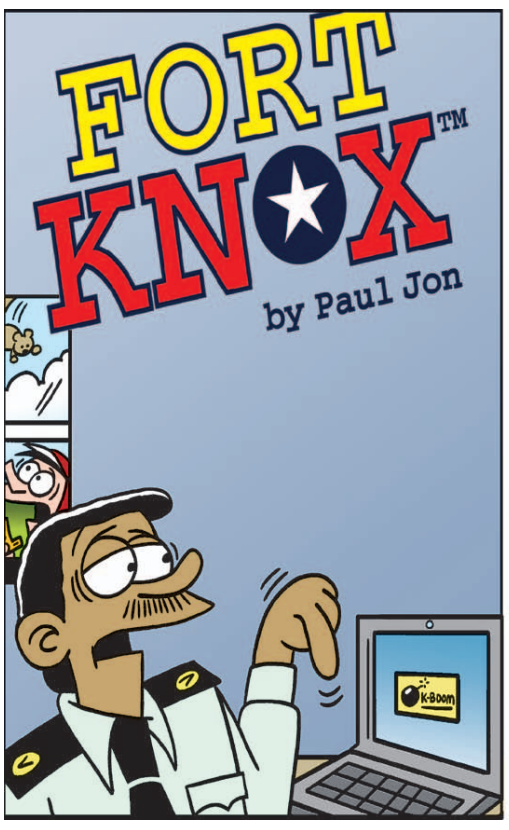

I JUST RECEIVED A WARNING ABOUT MY WEB SURFING.
WHAT WERE YOU DOING?
I WAS ON A GAMBLING WEBSITE.
WHY WERE YOU GAMBLING AT WORK?
BECAUSE WORK IS STRESSFUL AND THOSE ONLINE GAMBLING SITES HELP ME RELAX.
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BUT NOW YOU'RE GOING TO GET PUNISHED!
NO, I WON'T.
AND WHY NOT??
BECAUSE THIS IS YOUR LAPTOP.
K-Boom
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WIZARD OF ID

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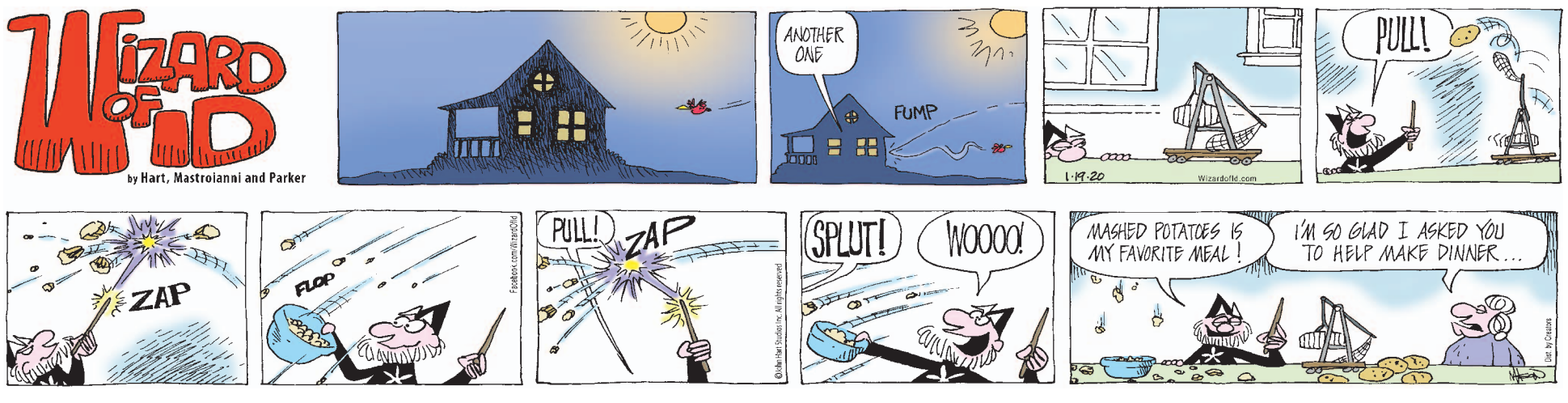

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BY MASTROIANNI AND HART

TABLETS

HOW DO YOU ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF GLOBAL WARMING?

— PETER

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Lil' Nitwit WHISKEY

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DUSTIN

By STEVE KELLEY and JEFF PARKER

I'M OFF FOR BRUNCH WITH EILEEN. YOU KNOW SHE GOT ENGAGED.

OH. OKAY. HAVE A NICE TIME.

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KELLY and PARKER

I TOLD HER I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE DWAYNE JOHNSON.

WAIT-- DWAYNE JOHNSON?

SHE GOT ENGAGED TO A GUY NAMED AFTER AN ACTION-HERO MOVIE STAR?

NO, SILLY. SHE'S ENGAGED TO A GUY NAMED MASON FRANCIS...

I JUST CAN'T WAIT TO SEE "THE ROCK."

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MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

I JUST TRAINED GRIMM TO CHANGE THE WATER IN HIS DRINKING BOWL

HOW COULD YOU EVER TRAIN A DOG TO DO THAT?

...FLUSH

OH

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PICKLES

by BRIAN CRANE

FOR DESSERT I HAVE A LITTLE BOWL OF STRAWBERRIES FOR EACH OF US.

AND HERE'S SOME WHIPPED CREAM IF YOU THINK YOU NEED IT.

PERSONALLY, I LIKE MINE PLAIN.

I JUST WANT A LITTLE DAB.

SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE

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PFFFT!!

DO YOU THINK YOU'LL BE ABLE TO FIND THE STRAWBERRIES?

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Count Weirdly served Slylock Fox and Max Mouse lemonade laced with a sleeping solution. After the duo dozed, Weirdly put them into his virtual-reality castle chamber. He wanted them to believe they had been transported to the Amazon rainforest. But when Slylock awoke, he knew he was not in the Amazon. How?

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Which of these animals can regrow body parts that have been destroyed?

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c) Salamander
d) Lizard
e) Spider

Answer -- All of the above!

Spot six differences between these panels.

Answer -- Footprint, mouse, broom handle, can, hat and scarf.

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